April 1, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Yarrow:

Thank you for your prompt attention to the case of Dr. Otis Smith. We will see that he is informed of your interest.

It would indeed be a good thing if the people of Peach County invited Dr. Smith to return. Your analysis is correct however; it would, and will, be easier to reach the moon.

Any aid you are able to give will be of considerable help. However, we do understand the difficulties involved in considering this a legitimate matter for the Rights of Conscience Program.

Whatever the outcome, I am sure that I speak for Dr. Smith as well as the Council in expressing our sincere appreciation for your concern.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 1, 1958

The Geological Survey
Department of Interior
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Would you please send us two copies of your new composite map of Atlanta and vicinity. Enclosed is our check for $3.00.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check - $3.00)

VIA AIR MAIL April 1, 1958

Mr. Kenneth M. Birkhead
Executive Director
American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ken:

Enclosed are thermofax copies of a few items bearing on Legion-segregationist relations. You probably know of the several incidents covered, but these clippings may add a detail or two.

You will see that one of the enclosures is a reproduction of the WCC's monthly paper reprinting The Firing Line's smear of the Southern Regional Council. This issue of The Firing Line has been reproduced and distributed in some quantity by the Georgia Education Commission, the official state agency for segregationist propaganda. So that you can see how ill-based the smear is, I'm also sending along our analysis of it.

You probably know that The Firing Line has also run an article or two of the same sort attacking the NAACP. If you don't have this and need it, we could probably turn it up with a little effort.

The picture of Faubus receiving the Legion award was a real hair-curler. We'll be looking forward with interest to the results of your current study.

All best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

P.S. I've been itching to get to Washington for sometime now. If I make it, I'll be seeing you.

H.C.F.

Encls: 9 Thermofaxed clips bearing Legion-segregationist relations.

1 Copy of Firing Line Analysis

April 1, 1958

Mr. John H. Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Mr. Marion:

We would like very much to obtain further details regarding a recent debate in the 1958 Virginia General Assembly on state monies spent to preserve segregation, reported in part in the enclosed newsclip. If it is possible to obtain the text of Senator Carter's remarks, or a fuller newspaper account of the debate, we would appreciate your sending it to us for possible publication in NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Marion is absent
from home & office
until further notice.
address Mrs. M.
or Beckwith,
State Prog.

Same ltr. sent to: Robt. Hughes (Ala.)
Rabbi Mantinband (Miss.)

Enclosures: Ltr. from Rev. John B. Morris - dtd. 3/24/58
Promotion ltr. from Morris - dtd. 2/28/58

April 2, 1958

Dr. Guy H. Wells
Chief Consultant
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Wells:

I would appreciate it if I could have your reaction to the suggestion advanced by the Reverend John B. Morris in the enclosed correspondence. I am assuming, I hope correctly, that you have seen a copy of South Carolinians Speak. If I am mistaken, I am sure that Mr. Morris will be glad to send a copy to you.

It is possible that the Southern Regional Council could give modest financial help toward a fair price for the booklets if you feel that distribution is desirable.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

April 2, 1958

Reverend John B. Morris
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
605 East Cleveland Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

Thank you for your letter of March 24 suggesting possible distribution of South Carolinians Speak by the state councils in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi. We are passing the idea along to them, and as soon as we have reactions I will be writing you again. We think well of the idea and will cooperate in every way we can to make it possible.

We can do little to assist in meeting the remaining deficit. However, if we work out some distribution in the other deep South states, we will hope to pay at least a modest sum for the booklets so used.

All people of good will are indebted to you and the others who made this publication possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 2, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for your letter alerting us to the foreign visitors and enclosing the background on the forthmoming Capahosic Conference. We will be as helpful as we can to Miss Junod and the Rev. and Mrs. Oosterhuizen, and I will pass on such ideas for Capahosic as occur to me.

You will remember that Will and I threatened to inundate you with letters from Southern churchmen supporting the idea of a Southern inter-religious conference. As you will see from the enclosures, I am making good on the threat. I realize that you have more program than budget. But I was serious when I said that this special opportunity might attract some financial support not available for other purposes. Any interest you can turn up will be of great help to the cause. Of course, the conference is still in the exploratory stage and a more formal presentation of the idea should be possible a little later on.

Tell Virginia to keep the corn meal; I'll be back.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 39 Thermofaxed copies of responding ltrs. from churchmen re inter-religious conf.

April 2, 1958

Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

I am glad to have your letter of March 27 informing us of your forthcoming Executive Committee meeting and of David Scull's impending visit to Atlanta.

Much to my regret, it will not be possible for me to be in Richmond for the meeting on May 12. However, Fred Routh will be free on that date and is making plans to be with you. Fred asks me to tell you also that he and Emory Via, our Labor Consultant, will be in Virginia, April 21 - 24. They will hope to see you, as well as others of the Virginia Council at that time.

I have just received a letter from David Scull advising us that he plans to be in Atlanta on April 30 and May 1. Again unhappily, I will be out of town on those dates, although other members of the staff will be here and will be delighted to have Mr. Scull spend as much time in this office as he can.

I do hope my luck will change and I will have an opportunity to meet and talk with both you and Mr. Scull in the near future.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 2, 1958

Mr. David Scull
Annandale,
Virginia

Dear Dave:

I was delighted to hear from Hubert Beckwith that you were planning a visit to Atlanta. Your own letter has now arrived and I am disheartened to find that I will be out of town on the dates you plan to be here. Organizationally, this presents little problem, since Fred Routh, Emory Via, and other staff members will be available and eager to talk with you. But I am personally much disappointed, since I have wanted for some time to get together with you. We will just have to hope for luckier circumstances later on.

In any case, we will be in touch with Phern about the best way to divide up your time while you are here. We will also let you know about reservations for the two nights.

Sincerely,

HCF/mf

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

P. S. Fred Routh and Emory Via have asked me to tell you that they plan to be in Virginia April 21-24 and will hope to see you at that time.

H.C.F.

April 2, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I am too long in answering your good letter of March 12 in which you discuss the possibility of a pamphlet on threats to civil liberties in the South. I find the idea in general an attractive one and hope that you will keep the door open to our cooperation on it. It does occur to me, however, that implementation might well await the completion of the Joint Fact-Finding Project on Violence, Intimidation, and Reprisals. The results of that survey should be helpful in selecting the incidents for the more detailed and dramatic treatment you propose. This would not mean too much delay, since the fact-finding project will get under way next week. We have arranged for Margaret Price to begin her work as the temporary project director then.

How are the plans for the Little Rock study progressing?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 2, 1958

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your good letter about our contributions from organized labor. I'm glad you feel my acknowledgement of the AFL-CIO contribution sounded the right note.

Your help on the two outstanding requests will be greatly appreciated. Both Emory Via and I know Al Kehrer and, of course, share your high opinion of him. I sent him a copy of our letter to Dubinsky with a covering note asking his support for the increase, and Emory expects to see him in connection with an ILG program shortly. Your own word to Al would add weight to ours.

I also wrote Gus Tyler on the ILG request and Bill Oliver on UAW, for what that is worth.

Many thanks for your help, as always, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 2, 1958

Dr. Broadus Mitchell
Department of Economics
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Mitchell:

It was thoughtful of you to write me so kind and encouraging a note. I value your good opinion of the Progressive article.

We hear periodically from George and Alice. Their latest letter brings us the good tidings that their house is near completion. As you may know, George's influence in this field continues undiminished, thanks to the film he did on "The Face of the South." This is proving to be an enormously valuable and popular program tool.

I recall our brief encounter with pleasure and hope that there may be others.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 2, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

It occurs to me that I failed to send you last week a list of our current board. A copy is enclosed, with the thought that it may be pertinent to your consideration of our request.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 SRC Board List

April 2, 1958

Mr. Elijah L. Jackson
2045 Cannon Street
Winston Salem
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jackson:

Under separate cover, first class special delivery, I am sending you some materials which should be of some use to you for your presentation on April 8th. I am sorry not to have had opportunity to pull the materials together better before sending them on to you.

One of the pieces, Selected Materials on the Economy of the South, I would like to have returned to me. The others you may keep.

There are several comments which I think I should make even though most of them are perhaps quite obvious to you:

1. Organizing in the South is still very tough; the race issue is one factor in the situation, but there are at least several others and we make a grave error if we decide that it is only the race issue that causes the defeat of unions in the Southern region.

2. In almost any urban area you will find several conceivable patterns of segregation-integration within the unions themselves. Negroes are still excluded from some unions; some unions set up separate locals, others have integrated locals but segregated patterns in meetings, etc.; still others are integrated in meetings, office-holding, and in a few instances really integrated on the job.

3. Unions have brought to Negro workers very real protections in terms of job security and a fair wage; they have done little in the South (but much elsewhere) in securing better jobs for Negroes. The clearest example of this is the fact that few situations allow for any real upgrading and certainly not on terms equal with whites.

Continued . . .

4. Most unions and local leadership accept the principle of equal pay for equal work; self-interest would dictate as much. However, equal work (as in point 3) is seldom available. And on occasion differences in job classification with little or no differences in actual work performance stand as sufficient rationale for inequalities in pay.

5. A 1956 survey of unions indicated the following: a) two-thirds of all Southern union locals were bi-racial, but many of these had less than 10% Negro membership -- often much less. b) some locals still hold segregated meetings; in some locals, by practice, Negroes do not attend; however, Negroes do attend meetings in most of the bi-racial locals. c) in one-fourth of the bi-racial locals there was at least one Negro officer; in one-half of them at least one Negro steward -- I would caution that this is often done on a severely patterned basis: e.g. one Negro vice-president always being elected, or the chaplain being a Negro, or the Negro steward coming from an all-Negro department.

6. Most of the larger unions have Negro staff members. The national AFL-CIO and its regional offices employ Negro staffers. In the South more often than not the Negro staffer is employed to work with Negro members or potential members. In the North frequently the Negro staffer has the responsibility for civil rights and anti-discrimination work, but many other Negro staffers function in regular line jobs.

7. There are Negroes on the Executive Council of the AFL-CIO: for example, A. Philip Randolph.

8. On various occasions for the labor movement and sometimes jointly with a department of government Negroes are on teams that go overseas or are participants in international conferences and investigations. One example is George L.P. Weaver who has just returned from Europe and has recently been appointed Director of Political Education for the IUE.

9. Several of the industrial unions have a staff person or department concentrating on problems of discrimination. These include the Steelworkers, the UAW, and the URWA. Many other national unions have some person who performs this function informally and/or who puts out materials to combat prejudice and discrimination. e.g. the ILGWU, the ACWA, the Butcher Workmen, the UPWA, and the Oil Workers.

10. One encouraging index to the unions' interest in minority problems is the number of internationals and state bodies which have run institutes in the South and features programs or workshops on civil rights, Southern problems, or race and organising. In cooperation with others we at the Southern Regional Council participated in about ten summer institutes in 1957, and we have serviced six conferences under the sponsorship of two state bodies and conducted one two-day conference and one week-long institute ourselves.

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I trust that this hasty job will be of value to you. Office pressures and the need to leave town today keep me from giving this greater attention. I hope that our paths will soon cross for I am looking forward to meeting you.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

List of materials despatched to Elijah Jackson:

Selected Materials on the Economy of the South
Handbook for Local Union Fair Practices Committees
Integration North and South, by David Loth and Harold Fleming
Race Hate (Pub. IUE)
NAACP Labor Manual -- a Guide to Action
The Negro Potential, by Eli Ginsberg
Human Relations in Federal Employment (Pub. President's Committee on Government Employment Policy)
Equal Job Opportunity -- third annual report of President's Committee on Government Contracts)
The Negro Moves Up, by James P. Mitchell (Reader's Digest, December 1957)
AFL-CIO 1955 Convention Resolution on Civil Rights
Discrimination Costs Too Much, by Boris Shishkin
Summary of Southern Regional Council's Labor Conference
Notes on Southern Labor History, 1900-1945, by Benjamin D. Segal
Extract from "The American Workers' Fact Book" 1956, published by the U.S. Department of Labor

April 2, 1958

Dr. Ralph R. Shrader
Project Secretary
Mission Council of the Congregational
Christian Churches
14 Beacon Street
Boston 8, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Shrader:

It is a matter of real disappointment to learn that you and the Southern Tour group will not be in Atlanta next week.

At this point, it seems a long way off but I will certainly look forward to seeing you next year.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrativ e Assistant

PA/mf

April 2, 1958

Miss Jean Norrington
Library
National Guardian
197 E. Fourth Street
New York 9, New York

Dear Miss Norrington:

As per your request of March 19, we are entering your publication on our exchange list.

Your request is being filled and shall arrive shortly.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 2, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your check for $500.00 representing the ADL's proportionate share in the joint fact-finding project. As you knew, Art Levin is one of five members of the steering committee for this project. We will keep you fully informed of the progress of the effort.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1958

Miss Ronnie Sheffield
Director of the YWCA
6 North Fifth Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Miss Sheffield:

Your enquiry regarding the film THE FACE OF THE SOUTH has been passed on to the Southern Regional Council by Mr. Julian Carper of the Virginia State AFL-CIO. I have checked with the Anti-Defamation League, the organization which is handling all distribution and booking of the film, and unfortunately all available copies are already booked for the date you mention, April 9th. The earliest by which they could let you have it would be about April 16th.

As the Anti-Defamation League is responsible for handling the film it would be quicker and easier for you to arrange a suitable date if you contacted them direct. The person to whom you should write is:

Mrs. B. Wild
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia. Telephone -- JAckson 3-1618.

I am sorry we cannot be of more help to you at this time.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

VIA AIR MAIL April 3, 1958

Mr. Arthur W. Wang
Hill and Wang, Inc., Publishers
104 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Wang:

My apologies for not answering sooner. I had delayed in the hope of talking with you when I was last in New York, but my limited time there got away from me.

We should be glad to give such modest help as we can to the promotion of Tender Warriors in the South. I don't think it would be either feasible or rewarding for us to attempt to handle the books ourselves. However, distribution by us of the circular might yield some results. We will be glad to distribute any quantity you have available, up to several thousand.

I will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MATERIALS SENT:

Desegregating White Institutions
Publication Listings
Pages 57-58 from Integration North and South

April 3, 1958

Mr. William A. Osborne
Department Chairman
Department of Social Studies
Saint Joseph College
Emmitsburg, Maryland

Dear Mr. Osborne:

In reply to your letter of March 29, we are forwarding under separate cover a copy of an SRC report on colleges and universities which have desegregated. Private control is indicated in the column on the left.

Unfortunately, our report does not include integrated private secondary and elementary schools. We are sending you a listing (from Integration-North and South) which covers the period between 1954 and 1956, and hope that it will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

April 3, 1958

Mrs. Frances P. Woodard
308 Green Street
Selma, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Woodard:

Under separate cover we are sending the materials requested in your letter of March 31. One correction in regard to the work of SRC - the state Human Relations Councils mentioned on page 1 of The South of Promise are no longer affiliated with this organization, but are independent agencies. We have no membership, as such, in our organization; however, subscribers to New South are supplied with a number of our materials.

We hope these materials will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

April 3, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed is a copy of the pamphlet to which Dr. Bacoats evidently was referring. He is mistaken, however, about the reputability of the sources. The Georgia Commission on Education, which published this and has circulated other propaganda pieces, does not enjoy a favorable reputation even among conservative Georgians. Mr. Matthews has long since been generally discredited for his extreme charges and is not taken seriously by sober anti-Communists.

Of course, given the climate and the leadership of the deep South, organizations like ours can be injured by official use of such charges, however unfounded. The only technique I can suggest is that you arm yourself with as much background, information, and rebuttal of this spurious evidence as possible. As you know, we have really been doing this for some time. I think you may already have received a copy of our memorandum rebutting the charges aired in the Firing Line. But I enclose a copy in case.

We will always be glad to send you promptly any information we can muster about any particular set of charges against the Council, other honest organizations, and individuals who are known to us.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

April 3, 1958

Miss J. Margaret Carter
Director of Film Distribution
Broadcasting and Film Commission
National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A.
220 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

Dear Miss Carter:

We appreciate your sending the copies of the narration to the film THE FACE OF THE SOUTH as well as the promotional literature. If you can spare them we could make use of another half dozen copies of the narration.

We shall be most interested to see your compilation of comments on the film when it is ready, and wonder if you could let us have about twenty copies of this document.

With many thanks.

Cordially,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Atlanta, Georgia
April 3, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Paul Rilling
C. H. Parrish
John Hope
Mrs. Grace Hamilton
John Griffin

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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This will confirm our scheduled meeting to discuss the proposed SRC college program. The meeting will be held on April 16th, in the Conference Room at the SRC office, commencing at 2:30 P. M.

Those persons listed above have indicated that they will probably be able to attend. In addition, we expect representatives from the YWCA and hope to have someone from ADL and AFSC.

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April 3, 1958

Mr. Max Heirich
College Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Heirich:

On April 16th we are having the conference on a proposed SRC college program about which we spoke on your recent visit. Participating will be representatives of the various Atlanta based agencies, plus appropriate staff persons. The meeting will be held in our conference room, commencing at 2:30 P. M.

If, by any chance, you happen to be in or near Atlanta on that date we would like to have you join us. Unfortunately, we don't have funds available to cover expenses and this inadequacy plus your commitments will probably rule out any possibility of your being with us. However, we would like to have the benefit of your thinking and experience if you find it possible.

Your ideas, as given to Emory and me, will be passed on to the group. At best, though, that will be second best.

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 3, 1958

Mr. Roy Wilkins
Executive Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Roy:

I don't want to fail to acknowledge your eloquent letter of March 25 concerning J. B. Matthews and his spurious charges. I am glad I saw you in New York last week and learned that the letter was written with an eye to readers in addition to me. Otherwise, I might have thought you felt I needed all that convincing.

By the way, I ran into Ralph McGill the other day and he mentioned receiving a copy. I also sent him a copy of the pamphlet reprinting Matthews testimony calling his attention to the section which attempts to qualify the charges against the NAACP.

As you know, we are old hands at appraising this kind of "evidence", since it has been used so widely against us by the segregationist propagandists. If they stopped, we would get worried.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1958

Mr. John Morsell
Assistant to the Executive Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear John:

I don't want to fail to acknowledge the check for $500.00 representing the NAACP's share in the joint fact-finding project. We will keep you posted on the progress of the effort.

It was good seeing you at the CCD Executive Committee meeting last week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 3, 1958

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

Thanks for your letter of March 28 concerning your forthcoming workshop on "Community Services and Segregation." You have an impressive group of participants lined up, and I am sure the workshop will be fruitful. Those dates, however, will find me away on a week's vacation, long and adamantly planned by my wife. Fred, who would be the only logical alternate here, will be attending the Board meeting of NAIRO. So I'm afraid we will have to miss.

I am glad to know that your last Executive Council meeting dealt with the problems raised by right-and-left "infiltration" at the Labor Day Weekend Workshop. Of course, all of us working in this field can expect to be smeared and would be foolish to get unduly upset about it. But the farther the segregationists have to reach for their spurious "evidence", the better. Our feeling is that the less we do to lump our various efforts together publicly, making one target instead of many, the more strategically effective we will be in our several roles.

Perhaps we will have a chance to discuss these common concerns sometime soon. Meanwhile, best wishes for a successful conference.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC to: John Hope, II with thermofaxed copy of Horton's ltr. - dtd. 3/28/58.

April 3, 1958

Mrs. C. M. Weston
2400 Edinburg Terrace
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Weston:

Mrs. Dorothy Tilly has suggested that you, as an active worker in the Fellowship of the Concerned, might be willing to assist in a project in which we are currently engaged, a survey of desegregation in waiting room facilities in the South. We would be very grateful if you could send us information based on your personal observation of segregation policies and practices in train, bus, and air lines waiting rooms in Atlanta. Specific points we hope to cover are detailed on the enclosed questionnaire sheet.

Thanking you in advance for your help, I am

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 2

Same letter sent to the following also:

Mrs. Etta B. Benham
Mrs. Elias Bodenheimer
Mrs. Earl Andrews
Mrs. Mary G. Carn
Mrs. O. D. Thomas
Mrs. J. R. Henderson
Mrs. Elmer H. Hook
Mrs. Norman Phelps
Mrs. Flora Supworth
Mrs. R. E. Tamlin
Mrs. Ilsa Frankee
Mrs. A. N. Tissot
Mrs. Reeves Bowen
~~Mrs. C. M.~~
Mrs. C. M. Weston
Mrs. D. M. Howard
Mrs. Emmett Johnson
Mrs. Philip Boblacky
Mrs. Karl E. Rothrock
Mrs. C. H. Jones
Mrs. Lee Tidwell
Mrs. J. A. Burt
Mrs. E. E. Dean
Mrs. H. B. Simpson
Mrs. Ira C. Shelley
Mrs. Leslie E. Barnhardt
Mrs. C. F. Goldthwarte
Mrs. H. I. Glass
Mrs. Rupert Cromell
Miss May Delle Barre
Mrs. ~~Hebert~~ Herbert McAbee
Mrs. W. A. Davis
Mrs. J. W. Curry
Mrs. Horace Williams
Mrs. Arnold Slater
Mrs. Harry Strauss
Mrs. H. H. Walker
Mrs. E. O. Ennis
Mrs. Warren H. Birnbaum
Mrs. J. Boyde Tyrrell
Mrs. Wm. C. Smith

WAITING ROOM DESEGREGATION

City

1. Bus Stations and accompanying restaurants and/or counters:

   A. Physical facilities:

   B. Patterns of usage:

2. Train Terminals and accompanying restaurants and/or counters:

   A. Physical facilities:

   B. Patterns of usage:

3. Air Line Waiting Rooms and accompanying restaurants and/or counters:

   A. Physical facilities:

   B. Patterns of usage:

Please include any differences in facilities for interstate and intrastate passengers.

WAITING ROOM DESEGREGATION QUESTIONNAIRE

I. What are the policies of bus, train, and air line waiting rooms in accommodating Negro and white travellers?

a. Please indicate whether segregation still exists in:
   (1) the physical facilities themselves
   (2) patterns of usage by transients.

b. Is there a different policy or practice for inter-state and intra-state passengers?

II. What are the segregation or non-segregation policies in eating facilities connected with the waiting rooms? Please answer as detailed above.

III. If you know of other cities in your state which have desegregated waiting room facilities, please list them and include as much of the above information as is known.

The attached questionnaire form may be used in reply if you wish.

April 7, 1958

Mr. Ernst Linde
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Linde:

Mr. John Michael Bowers, about whom you wrote on April 2, is now in Atlanta and has spent some time with various staff members of the Council. We will, of course, be of any possible help during his visit in Atlanta. In addition, we have supplied him with the names of several appropriate persons in Montgomery who should be able to give him some interesting and reasonable information on the situation in that city.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 7, 1958

Mrs. Catherine Djurklou
c/o Mrs. Margaret Haskins
Room 834 - 1776 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Djurklou:

We, too, are sorry that you could not return to the office before leaving. However, we have sent to you (care of Mrs. Haskins in Washington) a collection of materials which may be of some interest. Included is information on the background, methods and current activities of Southern women interested in race relations.

If, after your return to Sweden, you need additinnal information or materials, we will be happy to be of any possible help.

We are most grateful for your kind comments concerning your visit to Atlanta. And, you may be assured that our efforts, such as they were, were given with real pleasure.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

? we had this from Hal Lewis himself!

April 7, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
239 PKYonge Building
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

It was a pleasure to be with the Gainesville Council at its recent meeting. I particularly enjoyed renewing our acquaintance and friendship. I believe that the Gainesville meeting was well worth while and demonstrated the ability of local people to examine independently their own roles in these difficult times.

I am enclosing a brief summary of my remarks as you requested.

All best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

April 7, 1958

Mr. Charles L. Robbins
330 N.W. Fifteenth Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your letter of April 2nd. I believe, with you, that the Gainesville meeting was well worth while. I am glad that you feel it contributed to a more realistic conception of the Gainesville Council and its role during these troubled times. I am pleased that you feel it contributed to an increased practical morale.

I will pull together a bibliography for you in the next week or so. I will be interested to hear from you concerning the study which Bill Williams has asked you and Dick Ehrmann to consider.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 7, 1958

Mr. E. R. Williamson
Box 231
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Williamson:

I had meant to get this list of our state officers to you well before this time. I regret the delay, but we have been inundated with foreign and domestic visitors and fund-raising efforts. Anyway, here is the list. I hope you find it, and the people contained therein, useful to the labor movement in the South.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosure.

FBR:fcl

April 7, 1958

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

This is to express my warm thanks for your help in the Lincoln University matter. Your prompt and effective intervention was a valuable service to all concerned, and we now have one more reason to be grateful for your part in the leadership of the Council.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

AIR MAIL

April 7, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

In checking over things, I found I do have one hundred dollars for you to use in your meeting for the Fellowship of the Concerned. You may use it as you think best.

You failed to tell me where the meeting will be. As soon as you make your complete arrangements, please let me know. Also advise me what literature you may need. I hope I will have some time to have a conference with you during the day that I will be with you.

With the best of wishes to you and deep appreciation of the splendid work you are doing in the building of Human Relations, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 8, 1958

Mrs. Arthur Styron
262 Peachtree Hills, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Martha:

I spoke to you sometime ago about Deaconess Anna Hall and your Conference program. You will remember that I suggested you get Dr. Brawley to bring her to Newnan to represent Clark College. She has been voted as the most outstanding alumnus of the College.

I am sure you have seen her from time to time wearing her deaconess bonnet and at all meetings of the Central Jurisdiction.

She is a woman of national fame in our church. Our Woman's Division named the new woman's dormitory at Gammon for her.

She was the first Negro woman missionary sent to Africa or anywhere else by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the M.E. Church. There are two churches in Africa that bear her name.

When Governor Tubman of Liberia was inaugurated, he brought her to his country to be present.

She will not talk much but it will be of interest to our women.

Love,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lee

April 8, 1958

Mr. Jeffrey E. Fuller
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Your letter of March 31, with the expense check has been received. As always, I wish it were never necessary to turn in an expense account.

I get much more from conferences like the Biennial one in New York that could be warranted by the expense to get me there.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 8, 1958

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Board of Women's Work
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

Your letter really caused me to have grave concern for the church in general. I agree with you, we must not do anything that would bring about abolishing your Division of Christian Relations in the Board of Church Extension. Let us wait quietly until the General Assembly is over this month and then see what might be done.

All through the years you have given me words of encouragement and I am deeply gratified.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 8, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

Your note telling of the death of Mrs. Ratliff was the first we knew of the tragedy. Her going is a loss in many ways and you are not the only one of us who feel "lonely."

I am writing the Fingers. I intended writing to Dr. Finger some days ago when "Concern" the MYF paper, came giving the full story of Millsaps and the Citisens Council. His reply to them was much better than the reply given by the trustees.

Thank you so much for the copy of the Senate Bill No. 2020. As soon as I read it, I went to Bishop Moore's office but he was out of the city. I called Dr. Calhoun of the Presbyterian Social Action group and the request came back for four copies--two for Dr. Calhoun and two for Dr. Hyde. We made Thermo-fax copies for them and we gave a copy to Jim Sells.

Please keep us informed and if the bill passes, get a copy. You are just invaluable to us.

I hope you and yours are happy in Jackson. I was glad when you left Clarkesdale, and gladder that you did not go until you came back into your own.

I appreciate your whole family and stands they take.

Love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

A REQUEST
TO THE NEW WORLD FOUNDATION
FROM THE
SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

April 8, 1958

This is a request to the New World Foundation for renewal of aid to the Southern Regional Council's Consultant Service Program for 1958. The sum requested is $15,000.

School desegregation has advanced from the upper-South into the middle-South during 1957-58. It is now approaching the deep South where resistance is greatest and the opposition is led by intractable men. Legal assaults on the segregation orthodoxy have resulted in increased violence and intimidation as witnessed in Little Rock, Birmingham, Montgomery, Nashville, and elsewhere. Much of this violence could have been prevented or dealt with effectively had there been more adequate planning and advance community preparation. Every social scientist reporting on crisis situations in the South has cited the lack of skilled local leadership and community preparation. We are more convinced than ever that the Consultant Service Program is one of the few effective tools in assisting community leaders to face up to their responsibilities and to help them find ways of dealing positively with their problems.

The past year has seen increased use of SRC's Consultant Service Program in a wide variety of situations. Using 39 consultants we serviced eight formal workshops in which more than 500 people participated. Slightly more than 40% of the consultants involved were provided by other agencies at SRC's suggestion. Thus, the out-reach of the program is greater than the cost would indicate.

The use made of the consultant program reflects the position on the continuum of change of the various communities where consultant services were rendered. Obviously, the needs of communities in Kentucky -- a state well along the path to pupil integration -- differ from the needs of Alabama, a state which is officially defiant. The Consultant Service Program has been sufficiently flexible to contribute to both situations and the wide range in between.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES, 1957-1958

The Southern Regional Council has twice reported in detail (May 13, 1957 and October 18, 1957) the activities of the Consultant Service Program to the New World Foundation. Therefore, we will only briefly list and describe the activities already reported. Activities not yet reported are described more fully. Activities are reported in functional categories rather than chronologically.

Service to Public School Leaders

1. In Bryson City, North Carolina, SRC provided two consultants to meet with the local school board and the superintendent. One consultant was a regular member of the Consultant Panel, the other was a superintendent who had successfully desegregated a comparable school system in Kentucky - March 1957.

2. SRC provided three consultants to meet with seven local superintendents, a county superintendent, and the head of a college department of education who gathered in a small western Arkansas town. One consultant was a regular member of the Consultant Panel, the other two were superintendents -- one from Missouri, one from Oklahoma -- who had successfully desegregated their school systems - August 1957.

3. In Frankfort, Kentucky, two consultants met with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in conjunction with a board meeting of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. This official pledged his cooperation in working with the Kentucky Council in furthering desegregation in school districts in western Kentucky and in planning for teacher desegregation by having the State Department of Education issue instructions that certificated teachers should be employed before temporary teachers - October 1957.

Service to Community Leadership -- Public and Private

1. In Jacksonville, Florida, SRC provided a team of consultants to staff a workshop of community leaders sponsored by the Northeastern Florida Council on Human

Relations. Some sixty community leaders attended, including an assistant superintendent of schools, the state president of the United Church Women, a representative of the sheriff's department, the head of a child psychology clinic, the owner of the largest local dairy, and others of status - April 1957.

2. In Memphis, Tennessee, a team of SRC consultants met with a community leadership workshop sponsored by LeMoyne College. Some 150 people attended; among them were a banker, an editor, a leading attorney, and a member of the school board - April 1957.

3. Charlottesville, Virginia was the site of a workshop staffed by SRC consultants. About 125 townspeople and college people attended. This community is under court order to desegregate and the planning was centered on preparation of the community for peaceful acceptance - July 1957.

4. The Peninsula Council for Community Cooperation sponsored, and SRC consultants helped staff, a workshop in Hampton, Virginia. Some 85 people participated; they came from Hampton, Newport News, and Norfolk. Discussion centered around school desegregation and minority employment opportunities - September 1957.

5. At High Point, North Carolina, SRC provided a consultant for a meeting of staff members of all human relations agencies in the state to discuss agency roles in the three desegregating communities -- Winston-Salem, Charlotte, and Greensboro - June 1957.

6. In Nashville, Tennessee, SRC supplied two consultants to meet with lay leaders in the Nashville Conference, the principal community organization supporting local desegregation - September 1957.

7. Dallas, Texas was the scene of what is probably the most intensive use of the consultant program to date. This community faces a court order to desegregate. A consultant was sent in four days prior to the holding of a work session for white and Negro leaders. Communications between the races were at an all time low. Through skillful spade work, key Negro leaders were involved in the meeting. Through equally skillful spade work, representatives of the white power structure took part in the meeting. Results of this meeting are already evident: Negro

leaders, for the first time, were invited to discuss desegregation plans with the president of the school board. Communications between white and Negro leaders have been re-established -- this time on an honest give-and-take basis. The group has met twice since the original meeting with SRC consultants. A correspondent in Dallas reports, "This activity has provided and re-established channels of communication between the Negro and white leadership which, unfortunately, had deteriorated during the past two years." - February 1958.

Service to Religious Leadership

1. In Orlando, Florida, where there are two segregated ministerial associations, SRC provided a consultant to meet with an interracial group of fifty-five clergymen. Two Rabbis and the Unitarian Minister, who are excluded from both ministerial groups, also attended. They discussed their responsibilities as clergymen in the current situation - March 1957.

2. The Atlantic Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. was assisted by an SRC consultant at their meeting held in Charleston, South Carolina. They discussed the role of the urban Negro church in assisting the large number of Negroes leaving rural areas - March 1957.

3. Nashville, Tennessee was the site of The Conference on Christian Faith and Human Relations, a Southwide meeting of Protestant leadership. SRC provided two consultants for the workshop sessions. This conference was a significant beginning in uniting church leadership, across denominational lines, in a resolve to advance desegregation through religious channels - April 1957.

4. White Protestant clergymen from many sections of Alabama met in an off-the-record session near Montgomery to discuss the problem. SRC provided a consultant to give the group background information and guidance. A member of the Methodist Board of Education in Alabama writes: "Perhaps you have heard what your visit to our ministers' groups produced. You told us we could not expect to accomplish our purposes through meetings of white

ministers only .... our first interracial ministers meeting on a statewide basis was held in December, with seven denominations participating." - April 1957.

5. SRC has provided consultants for two integrated student ecumenical conferences; one Southwide, held at Davidson College, North Carolina - (December 1957) and the other statewide, held at Talladega College, Alabama - (April 1957). The latter was sponsored by the only remaining statewide interracial student organization in Alabama. In both cases, delegates from state-supported institutions attended.

6. A consultant was provided to attend the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. (Southern) at Montreat, North Carolina. The Committee on Christian Citizenship made full use of his knowledge and insight in discussing the role of the churchman in a changing society - August 1957.

7. Ocala, Florida was the site of the annual meeting of the United Church Women of Florida. Some 130 women from across the state met in workshop sessions staffed by three (3) SRC consultants and two (2) from other agencies. SRC's participation in this meeting grew out of the April meeting in Jacksonville. Church women have been the shock troops of social change in the South - September 1957.

Service to Merit Employment Conferences

1. The Chief Consultant met with staff members of the AFSC Merit Employment project and the North Carolina Council on Human Relations in Charlotte. Plans were made to coordinate the efforts of several agencies interested in this program area - December 1957.

2. The Chief Consultant participated in the Washington, D. C. conference of The President's Committee on Government Contracts, seeking to relate merit employment projects to the activities of the Committee. The Committee agreed to send representatives to a later meeting of agencies in Atlanta, Georgia - January 1958.

3. The American Friends Service Committee asked SRC to provide consultants for an evaluative session

on their Merit Employment Program. The meeting was held in Atlanta and SRC's consultants played a central part in the discussions. Intermediate goals were further clarified and techniques and methods were carefully reviewed - February 1958.

4. Two SRC consultants and representatives from AFSC, the Urban League, NAACP, and the Anti-Defamation League met with representatives of the President's Committee on Government Contracts in off-the-record sessions in Atlanta. Here, they discussed how human relations agencies and the President's Committee could be of mutual assistance. They learned, in turn, the mechanics and procedures of the Committee - February 1958.

5. Two SRC consultants participated in a planning session for a merit employment conference in Frankfort, Kentucky - (March 1958). The Kentucky Council on Human Relations and the Louisville Urban League also participated. Out of this meeting came plans for a statewide conference on merit employment to be held at the University of Kentucky on May 17th. More than 100 participants, including industrial personnel officers, vocational guidance counselors, and trade unionists, are expected.

Organizational Services

1. New Orleans, Louisiana was the site of a workshop for board members of the Louisiana Council on Human Relations. This group had had serious problems in maintaining lay interest in its activities. Even though key people came to the meeting and participated in discussions of strategy and organizational problems, the Louisiana Council later became dormant. There is hope in the near future that the New Orleans board can be re-activated, and the group will concentrate on the New Orleans area - April 1957.

2. A two-day conference of all SRC consultants and a slightly larger number of guest social scientists and practitioners was held in Atlanta. Six members of SRC's regular staff also participated. Together, they evaluated the record of the Consultant Service Program, made suggestions for improving its use, and recommended widening the scope of its activities. A brief summary of this conference was contained in the October 18th

report; a full account of it is being sent to the New World Foundation - May 1957.

IN PROSPECT

Based upon an analysis of the developing situation in the region and a careful evaluation of the role of the Consultant Service Program, we are convinced that this technique has almost limitless possibilities. As communities are forced, through court action or voluntary decision, to face up to the desegregation of public schools, transportation systems, and other public facilities, the need for seasoned, skilled advisers will multiply. There is, at the present time, no other group offering the services of trained and experienced consultants to Southern communities.

It seems obvious that opportunities such as those presented in the Dallas situation will be on the increase. This will call for a consultant or a team of consultants spending a week or more in a community to prepare the ground for off-the-record workshops with key people. Even now New Orleans, Miami, Atlanta, Charlottesville, and Houston -- to name but a few -- are facing court suits to desegregate their public schools. Whether or not these cities become other "Little Rocks" depends to a large extent on the role of local leadership. In all of these cases SRC has contacts within both the white and Negro leadership. Preventive medicine is more difficult, but also more meaningful, than curative medicine. This is the function of the Consultant Service Program: to immunize Southern communities against violence and disruption by building up the anti-bodies of advance planning and informed local leadership.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Consultant Costs			
Fees for Consultants' Services	$ 4,500.00		
Consultant Service Travel	4,500.00		
		$ 9,000.00	
Administrative Costs			
Direct Supervisory Services*	$ 4,000.00		
Communications	500.00		
SRC Overhead Charge of 10%	1,500.00		
		$ 6,000.00	
Total:			$ 15,000.00

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*Chief Consultant, fees and travel expenses.

April 8, 1958

Dr. & Mrs. Ellis Finger
Millsaps College
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear friends:

Martha Burt wrote me of the tragedy that has taken Mrs. Ratliff from us. I do not know when I have ever grieved so over the loss of one outside of my family. Her going is a great loss to her family, I know. How she loved all of you! Always when we were together she would let us know in many ways how proud she was of Ellis and Mamie and the little boys. And she loved her sons and when the little girl came to one of them she wrote me a note that at last she had a granddaughter.

My heart goes out to all of you in sympathy. There is a deep heartache in many a person because she is with us no more. How the Negroes of Mississippi will miss her! She has been their spokesman many a time.

Those of us who worked closely with her will miss the support she gave us as we took stands against the mores of our section. We need her so. I have always treasured the fact that I was the one who proposed her for the presidency of our Southeastern Jurisdiction W.S.C.S.

The Methodist church has suffered a great loss. It needs people like Mrs. Ratliff, who never wavered in her conviction of right. No Bishop could shake her. She kept smiling, answered with soft tones but firm words.

It is hard to face her not being with us. She is so needed. Her Mississippi needs her.

(continued)

Surely our answer must be that each of us who leaned on her, must become props ourselves and determine more strongly that justice and right shall prevail.

There was grief and consternation in our office when we read Mrs. Burt's letter. The Southern Regional Council will miss her, too.

God bless all of you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

HCF.

MEMORANDUM

April 8, 1958

To: The Staff

From: Mildred Flowers
Faith C. Lawson

Re: Interoffice Communication

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In order to speed up circulation of reading files, it has been decided to try an experiment with a new schedule indicating the time at which you receive the reading file and pass it on.

As the following schedule shows, each person is allowed ample time to read, digest, and properly mark the file and get it on to the next person, who will do the same.

The schedule follows:

HCF	MONDAY	9:30 A.M.
PA	"	11:00 A.M.
EV	"	2:00 P.M.
FBR	"	3:30 P.M.
FCL	TUESDAY	9:30 A.M.
RHA	"	11:00 A.M.
JC	"	2:00 P.M.
MM	"	3:30 P.M.
MP	WEDNESDAY	9:30 A.M.
MG	"	11:00 A.M.
BLC	"	2:00 P.M.
LEC	"	3:30 P.M.
Receptionist	THURSDAY	9:30 A.M.
MET	"	11:00 A.M.

The person whose name appears last on the list should be responsible for returning the file to the third floor office.

SPECIAL DOCUMENTS

For special documents, prepared by SRC personnel (memos, etc.), which are to be circulated, there should be two circulation copies - one for fourth floor circulation, and one for third floor circulation.

It occurs to us that there are times when SRC staff members receive documents (ltrs, memos, etc.) of special interest from other agencies and these are sometimes circulated. In this case, it may become necessary for us to suggest a time limit by which comments on such documents should be made available to the staff person with whom the document originated.

April 9, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

I recall at the Gainesville workshop a lady from the PTA who was mightily disturbed at what a local commander of an American Legion post had done in interfering with PTA projects on a state level.

If you would carefully document what was done by this Legion commander I believe we have found a person on the national level who would be of help. We will forward to him any report you send us.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM April 9, 1958

To: The Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony,
Administrative Assistant

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At the last Executive Committee meeting, it was suggested that the Committee be polled to determine the majority preference on the type of schedule to be used for the forthcoming meeting. The two suggested schedules are:

1. A morning-afternoon meeting, beginning at 10:00 A. M., and ending in the afternoon on completion of the business at hand.

2. An evening-morning meeting, beginning with an evening session on the first day and ending at noon on the second day.

For the next Committee meeting, the dates which have been suggested are:

1. For the morning-afternoon meeting:

May 13 or May 14

2. For the evening-morning meeting:

May 13-14 or May 14-15

At your convenience, please indicate on the enclosed card your preference of schedules for future meetings and your date of availability.

April 9, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Foundation
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Dillon:

The check for $2,000 brought rejoicing to all of us on the staff of the Southern Regional Council. To me, as it came at Easter time, it had added significance. It will be used to fight the same type of evils that brought on the crucifixion. Surely this $2,000 will have extra power, coming at this time to be used where tensions are so great.

I have written to Dr. Patterson, but I want you to know that we appreciate your great part in securing this money for us. Please accept our thanks.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 9, 1958

Miss H. Elsie Austin
Executive Director
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Miss Austin:

The next meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference will be held in Atlanta on May 27-28, 1958. I am sure the participating agencies will be happy to know that the National Council of Negro Women will be pepresented.

Further information about the meeting will be sent out shortly, and we will see that you receive this. In fact, it would seem appropriate that we direct all further correspondence and information to you. This we will do unless we receive contrary instructions from you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

bc to C. H. Parrish
John Hope, II
along with Request

April 9, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

John Hope reported that you would consider our 1958 request timely about now. Six copies are enclosed.

Knowing that you prefer brevity, we had originally intended to submit a much shorter request. But John passed along your suggestion that we summarize the last year's activities, and we ended up by sacrificing space to thoroughness. I hope it doesn't seem oppressively long.

We will be glad, of course, to supply anything more that may be called for.

Our warm thanks to you and your trustees for the program activities made possible by the New World Foundation grants of the last two years, and for the consideration given this request.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 6

April 9, 1958

Mr. David Scull
Annandale,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Scull:

Harold Fleming, Emory Via, Phern Stanley and others have been making tentative arrangements for your forthcoming visit to Atlanta. They have suggested that on April 30th you plan to spend the afternoon with SRC members here at this office. On May 1st several tentative appointments are being made for you with other agencies and individuals in the area. An evening meeting with the local Friends is being planned for May 1st.

We have made reservations for you at the Old South Motel for the nights of April 30 and May 1. No ominous implications intended! Unfortunately, your visit coincides with the annual visit of the Metropolitan Opera Company and motel or modest hotel accommodations in or near downtown Atlanta are at a premium.

The Old South Motel is located inside the city limits, on Highway 41; the highway you will be on in coming to Atlanta from Americus. The motel is located on the South Expressway at Cleveland Avenue, on the left side of the highway as you drive toward town. It is some 10 minutes driving time from downtown Atlanta.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 9, 1958

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Foundation
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Once before the gift from the Phelps-Stokes Foundation came at Christmas time. It was truly a great Christmas gift! Now this year, the $2,000 came at Easter time. Surely I never received any greater Easter blessing! It will be used sacredly and carefully to fight the things that brought Him to the Cross, and crucifies Him anew every day.

I am enclosing a sheet to show what project is receiving our attention right now. Besides this the State meetings are lining up. I will be in Alabama this month with that wonderful group of women that cannot be intimidated.

I thank the Foundation personally, and for the Southern Regional Council, and for the hosts of women in The Fellowship of the Concerned.

To you personally, I owe much. Your interest and belief in what we were doing has been a great prop.

Thank you for all this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Encl.

Publications sent:

100 - The Southern Negro: Change and Paradox
(New York Times Magazine Article by John Popham)

150 - Religion & Race (The Wall Street Journal Article
by Ed Cony)

April 9, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

The two publications are on the way.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 9, 1958

Ziff-Davis Publishing Company
1 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Sir:

Please send us the January, 1958, issue of Flying Magazine and bill us for cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 9, 1958

Hotels Convention Reservation Bureau
911 Locust Street--Room 406
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Gentlemen:

On March 24, I replied to your card giving you the date on which I would arrive for the Assembly of Methodist Women-Woman's Division of Christian Service. Since then I have not heard from you.

I would certainly appreciate it, if you would make my reservation and let me know the name of the hotel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in the absence of Mrs. Tilly)

April 10, 1958

Mr. Michael D. Blum
Earlham College
Box 227
Richmond, Indiana

Dear Mr. Blum:

Mr. Routh has referred your letter of April 9th, requesting information on pro-segregation groups, to this office. Under separate cover we are forwarding several reports and articles concerning the activities of resistance groups, publications from two such organizations (the White Citizens Council and the Georgia States' Rights Council) and a listing of addresses. The pro-segregation groups will probably be happy to send you their publications upon request.

We hope this material will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

AIR MAIL

April 10, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville 1, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

In answer to your card, yes, we have available reprints of the Wall Street Journal article. I presume you mean the one on "Segregation Costs."

Did you see the N. Y. Times reprint? I am enclosing both in this letter.

The reprints are available for one dollar ($1.00) per hundred which is a little under cost.

I am mailing you the 15 copies of New South. Let me know if you need more. Let us know about the other reprints.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 10, 1958

Reverend John L. Bryan
Director of Religious Activities
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Bryan:

I certainly owe you thanks for the great pleasure that was mine at Bennett College. It was a wonderful experience from the beginning: the rest on Saturday afternoon; attending the NAACP meeting; the breakfast the next morning with you, Dr. Player and Mrs. Jones; the luncheon with one of the clubs and all the courtesies shown me.

The worship service on Sunday afternoon was a great experience for me, and I am sure those Sunday afternoon services will follow those girls all through life. They are experiences no one could forget.

I know the privilege of my sharing in this, is all due to you and I am deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 10, 1958

Dr. Willa B. Player, President
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Dr. Player:

My delay in writing you a note of appreciation for all you did for me, has not been because I did not fully appreciate the consideration and rest that I had. The delay has been because I have had no rest since I have been home. But I do look back on those hours that I could lie in bed and have breakfast at just any time during the morning. I certainly cannot do that now.

It was a great pleasure to be with you, as well as to know you and Dr. Bryan and to have the fun we had at breakfast with Mrs. Jones. I was glad too, to get insight into this great Methodist institution of ours, and I will never forget the worship service on Sunday afternoon.

Please accept my thanks for all of this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 10, 1958

Rev. Welton Gregory
The Methodist Church
Atmore, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gregory:

Thank you for your kind letter of April 2nd telling me that the next meeting of the ministers' group is to be held at Alabama State College on April 15-16. I should like very much to attend, but unfortunately am committed to a meeting both days. On the 15th I am at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and on the 16th at a youth conference here in Atlanta. I have checked with other members of our staff here at the central office and each of them is committed to previous engagements. I am sure that Bob Hughes will adequately represent our point of view.

It is my firm conviction that what you and the group are doing is one of the most important things being done in Alabama at this time. With Christian concern you are reopening on an honest basis the lines of communication between the white and Negro community. In this period of transition nothing is more important than that we know each other as children of God.

I wish you every success in your meeting and regret I cannot attend. I would appreciate a copy of the proceedings of the meeting when they are prepared.

Respectfully yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

cc: Robert E. Hughes

FBR:fcl

April 10, 1958

Mr. Arthur W. Wang
Hill and Wang, Inc., Publishers
104 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Mr. Wang:

We should prefer the circulars for Tender Warriors to be imprinted with your address. I am assuming that it will be possible for you to identify any orders resulting from our distribution.

We shall be expecting 1500 copies of the circular.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls. Ms and copy of Negro Voter in the South

April 10, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Thanks for the copy of your manuscript. Four of us here have read it with interest and admiration. Sorry to be this long responding, but it took awhile for this many readers to finish it and comment.

As to overall reactions: The consensus was that the MS is eminently useful, readable, and generally accurate. One staff member feels that parts of the piece make the picture seem too bright; he specifies page 11, as oversimplifying the ease with which Southern whites will acquiesce in desegregation. Some merit to this.

I felt that the potential effect of the growing Negro vote didn't get the attention it deserves; even now, this is a tremendously important factor in cities like Atlanta. I'm sending our voting study in case you don't have it. Less importantly, the NAACP comes in for scant mention, considering the central role it plays; but maybe this is an inevitable consequence of your approach.

More specific comments, by page:

Page 6. A flyspeck, but the flattering reference to Mayor Mann is misleading. The school board and other anti-Faubusites had little or no respect for Mann because of his prior performance as mayor. He was "retired" by a governmental reform backed by the Arkansas Gazette and others who played a moderate-to-liberal part in the school controversy. Not suggesting you go into all this, but the reference as it stands would cause knowledgeable people to discount your understanding of the local scene.

Page 8 - 9. You name virtually all the places where school desegregation has been met with mob action. Why suggest that there were substantially more?

Page 13. Note spelling of Keith.

Page 14. The reference to the Montgomery Advertiser probably originated with us. We got a strong kickback from the editor, Grover Hall, who claims that he modified his position, because of respectable people who joined WCC, but that he continues to be critical of it. It would be correct to say he greatly watered down his criticism.

Page 35. Small technical point: Emory University is not in Decatur, but near it and near Atlanta, in DeKalb County.

Page 38. Women are now serving on some juries in Alabama. Correct to say that, until recently, they couldn't serve in Alabama or Georgia.

Page 53. We like the plug for SRC. But we have a small embarrassment about the affiliates, the result of our giving you out-of-date material. Not long ago, we changed the relationship from affiliation to a less organic tie. The slight changes indicated in the text would help us.

Page 65. Will the uninitiated understand that traditionally Negro nursemaids have been allowed to ignore segregation rules when shepherding their white charges? Maybe so, but I thought the question worth raising.

Page 73. Roy Harris' term as a Regent expired not long ago, and the governor failed to reappoint him. Better say, "until recently a member," etc.

Page 89. A quibble at the characterization of Hartsfiled as "mild-mannered." Though mild in appearance, Hartsfield is often far from mild in manner; in fact, at times the only way to describe him is "irascible." (A good man, for a' that.)

Page 90. The central point of the county unit system is not undue rural representation, but weighting of the actual votes cast in the Democratic primary. It is "like" the electoral system, except that the distribution of county electoral votes has no proportionate relationship to the distribution of population. The easiest way to show its meaning is to point out that Fulton County (Atlanta), with 14.5 per cent of the state population, has only 1.46 per cent of the unit voting power.

Page 90. John Orr is not dark, but fair.

Page 93. As I understand it, Killian's role was simply to produce objective findings on the state of public opinion in Florida. The last complete sentence on this page seems to imply that he was a sympathetic party to the plea for delay, as formulated by Ervin. Knowing Killian, I think this most unlikely.

Pages 95 - 96. The 24 cities ended bus segregation before the successful o utcome of the Montgomery protest. An earlier court ruling had put the hand-writing on the wall.

Page 105. Very doubtful that it is middle-class whites who cling most ferociously to segregated schools. The middle class is more influential in public policy, but the lower economic group has a higher degree of prejudice and would be willing to go to greater lengths to block desegregation.

I hope these comments, many of them minor, arrive in time to be of some help. We'll be looking forward eagerly to the publication of the piece, and hopefully favorable word on book publication.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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April 10, 1958

Miss Elizabeth Heim
Y.W.C.A.
Wesleyan College
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Heim:

Mr. Routh of our office asked me to send you some material for your Christian Emphasis Week.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, fifty copies of several publications we have available. I hope these will be of some use to you.

With best wishes for your program.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Mr. C. H. Gomillion
Dr. Tillman Cothran
Mr. Thomas Dreier
Mrs. Elsie W. Rowland
[redacted]
Mrs. Alice Spearman
Mr. James A. McDaniel
Mr. Gustave Falk
Dr. F. Rivers Barnwell
Mrs. James Crate
Dr. C. W. Scott
Dr. Richard P. Daniel
Dr. W. R. Bowie

April 10, 1958

Not useful for Ala. while NAACP is inoperative E.T.V.

Mr. John LeFlor
NAACP
Post Office Box 1091
Mobile 6, Alabama

Dear Mr. LeFlor:

The Southern Regional Council is currently engaged in a survey of desegregation in waiting room facilities in the South. We would be grateful if you could assist in this project by sending us information based on your personal observation of segregation policies and practices in train, bus, and air lines waiting rooms in Mobile. Specific points we hope to cover are detailed on the enclosed questionnaire sheet.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM April 11, 1958

From: Research Office

Re: White Voter Registration in Southern States

The following material listing total white voter registration in eight Southern states was extracted from data supplied to the Southern Regional Council in 1956 by consultants who participated in our Negro Voter Registration survey. It should be emphasized that these figures are estimates only; due to their fragmentary nature and, in some instances, questionable reliability, they were not incorporated into the SRC Voter Registration Report.

Several consultants did not report on white registration (or total registration, from which white registration could be computed in this office). The attached lists include data for Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, South Carolina, Texas, and Virginia. Only a partial listing of counties was reported in Kentucky and Texas. We have in our files no information on white registration in Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee.

Although registration figures were obtained from the most reliable and official sources available, almost every consultant report received in this office emphasizes the estimative nature of the statistics. The South Carolina figures are obviously rough estimates; no such records are kept in South Carolina. (Registration figures from this state will be of no value after the current re-registration is complete.) The statistics from Alabama were obtained by subtracting Negro registration figures (furnished by our consultant) from a listing of total registration figures printed in The Birmingham News, May 20, 1956.

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VIA AIR MAIL April 11, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting and Elections
Section
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Here is what we have on white registration at the time of our 1956 survey. Early in the survey, we decided that the compilation of reliable county-by-county white figures would not be of sufficient value for the purposes of our study to warrant the time and effort it would require. So we ceased our attempts to collect further such data, or to evaluate the data we already had.

As you will see from our research assistant's memorandum, also enclosed, the attached figures are incomplete and limited in reliability.

Our figures on the potentially eligible population were taken from the 1950 Census reports.

I believe Louisiana registration figures are centrally compiled by the State Board of Registrations, the Georgia figures by the

Secretary of State, and the Florida figures by some comparable state official. You could probably obtain from these officials more current county registration data for these three states. As for the other states, I know of no similar sources.

Incidentally, several errors were found in our figures on Negro registration, as printed in the Congressional Record. I am enclosing a corrected version.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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White voter registration figures for eight states:
Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
South Carolina
Texas
Virginia

Corrected version of mimeographed Negro Voter Registration Figures

April 11, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is the proposed draft for a letter from the Trade Union Program to the Education Directors. Of course, change it as you see fit.

I thought it a good idea to put the biographical dope on Charlie and me on a separate sheet. You will probably want to fatten these up a bit -- especially Charlie's.

A copy of the other letter -- the preliminary announcement for the Fisk Seminar -- is also enclosed. You will recall that both of us are signing this one. I assume you want us to sign for you here. A complete list of the persons receiving this letter will be sent to you and if you wish copies of the letter for your own use please say so.

Vacationing was very good -- almost no sun. A few unscheduled rush jobs have made things a bit hectic since. However, I had good conversation with Rube Farr in Birmingham and had an opportunity to perform a service for Al Kehrer here in Atlanta. I have also supplied Elijah Jackson in Haigler's office with a good bit of material on Negroes in unions and race relations in unions which he said he could not get from the education or civil rights departments of the AFL-CIO.

I cannot at this time set the date for the Fisk Seminar, but we will certainly try to make it the first week if that is the time you are free.

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One more thing, if you will pardon the hodge podge: I could use about twenty-five copies of the early period labor history notes (before 1900) until such time as your proposed pamphlet is ready,

Trust things are moving along OK for you. Please give our regards to Lib.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

April 11, 1958

Dr. David Wilson
24 E. Range
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear David:

I know that you are no longer chairman of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Council, but for the life of me I cannot remember who is. I rather suspect that it is Mrs. Brown, but am not positive. Hence this request to an old war horse. Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, and I are going to make a swing through Virginia assessing what is being done in community preparation for the possibility of desegregation moves next fall.

We will be in Charlottesville on Tuesday, April 22nd, and would like very much to meet with you, Patty Boyle, Mrs. Brown, Lambert Molyneux, and whomever else you might suggest, in an informal session that evening. Would you please call the appropriate people and let me know as soon as possible the when and where of it.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 11, 1958

Dr. Thomas H. Henderson
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Henderson:

I am writing you as the first vice-president of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, and I are planning a swing through the Old Dominion assessing what is being done in the way of community preparation for the possibilities of desegregation moves this coming fall. We will be in Richmond on Wednesday, April 23rd. We would very much like to meet with you, Wilson M. Brown, Dr. Rupert Picott, and Monsignor Louis Flaherty, and whomever else you might suggest from the Richmond area.

It would be best for us if this meeting could take place on Wednesday evening. It would be an informal discussion rather than a formal meeting. Would you please notify me as soon as possible the when and the where of it.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 11, 1958

Dr. Alonzo G. Moron
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Al:

Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, and I are making a swing through Virginia assessing what is being done in the way of community preparation for possible desegregation moves next fall.

We would like to stop by and talk with you, Bill Cooper, and others whom you might suggest, on the afternoon of Thursday, April 24th. If necessary we could visit people in the community individually.

This is just an informal assessment, but we want to ascertain what SRC may do to ease the process of social transition.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 11, 1958

Mr. Thomas W. Young
Journal and Guide
Box 209
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, and I are making a swing through the Old Dominion assessing what is being done by way of community preparation for possible desegregation moves next fall.

We will be in Norfolk the late afternoon and evening of Thursday, April 24th. We would like very much to meet with you, Mrs. Jaffe, and others whom you might suggest in an informal session that evening. I would appreciate it if you would call such people together and let me know the where and the when of it as soon as possible. We visualize between half a dozen and a dozen key people coming together in a discussion group rather than a formal program.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 11, 1958

Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith
Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Harold Fleming wrote you some time ago that I would attend the Virginia Council's Board meeting on May 12th -- I shall be glad to come. He also indicated that Emory Via, SRC's Labor Consultant, and I were contemplating a trip to the Old Dominion. Our plans have now jelled. We plan to be in Virginia during the week beginning April 21st, and our itinerary as now set up is this:

April 21 -- the Arlington area
April 22 -- Charlottesville
April 23 -- Richmond
April 24 -- the Norfolk area

We shall return to Atlanta the morning of the 25th.

We are interested in a rather quick assessment of what is being done in Virginia to prepare communities for the possibility of desegregation moves next fall. We hope to talk with key people in the Virginia Council in each of these areas. I have a list of Board members and am contacting people in each of the areas. We will also contact some key leadership in organized labor.

We would very much like to meet with you, David Scull, Benjamin Muse, and any others you might suggest in an informal session on Monday evening, April 21st, or that afternoon if it would be more convenient for you all. Would you please let me know immediately the where and the

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when of it. Emory and I will be flying into Washington about noon, and will proceed to Annandale, Arlington, or wherever you might suggest.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

VIA AIR MAIL April 11, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for your letter assuring us that the AJC's contribution to the budget of the Project will be at least $250.00.

We will be sending progress reports periodically, and of course Sam Lubin is one of the four staffers on the project steering committee responsible for overall direction.

I am glad to be able to report now that a project person has been secured and is already at work. She is Mrs. Margaret Price, an experienced newspaper woman who has done several similar jobs for SRC - notably the voting study of 1956. Mrs. Price has begun setting up a card fil of incidents, starting with SRC's fairly voluminous clipping files. The plan is for her to make a similar canvass of the other organizational files, as well as those of *Southern School News* in Nashville. After that, it will be largely a matter of filling in the gaps, screening the incidents selected, and working out the form of the first draft of the report. The steering committee will meet again Monday, at which time we will review progress to date, questions that have arisen, and next steps in the project. At that time we will discuss with Sam the best way for AJC's materials and resources to be tapped.

Of course, once we have a draft report, everybody concerned will have ample opportunity to submit their thinking on form, content, and uses to be made of the findings.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 11, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your good letter about your conversation with Stackpole and Pifer. I am way behind in our communications, so I will deal with several matters in this one letter:

(1) We are delighted that your idea of a low pressure approach to the Carnegie people concerning foreign visitors is showing promise. I will be able to get off to you first thing next week a draft proposal for aid, covering the various points you suggest and listing the foreign visitors serviced during the last year or so. I believe we can justify a request for as much as $10,000 for this program, especially considering the need for increased and more systematic services in the period just ahead. I would welcome guidance from you as to whether and how we should refer to these prospective needs of your program.

(2) I was glad to get the information on the impending visit of the Marquards. I may be away during the first several days of their stay in Atlanta but will see that the staff here is fully prepared to assist in every way. And I should be back in ample time to get together

with them.

(3) We are sorry to lose you as a formal SRC consultant, but I can readily understand why that is no longer possible. The real benefit to the Council is your continuing friendship, and that I know we have.

(4) We just had a South African Dutch Reform minister named Gerhardus Oosterhuizen, and his wife. He struck me as a very interesting and thoughtful person, groping earnestly from some good answers. He had heard of you and the Exchange Program, and expressed the hope that he would be able to meet you when he returned to his principle base at Union Theological Seminary. He wants to discuss with you the idea of getting some of the more conservative Dutch Reform churchmen into Southern seminaries, where they can see the Christian conscience grappling with racial problems here.

(5) I had been meaning to let you know that we are now an applicant to the Field Foundation. My last day in New York I talked with Max Hahn and found, to my amazement, that I was already over the deadline for applications to be considered by their next board meeting. Neither Dave, Dick Bennett, nor anybody else seemed to know that they were stirring. The only think I could get Hahn to show any receptivity to at all was a request for about $10,000 to make possible a follow-up to our voting study. Breaking the record, I got the request in to him within 48 hours after our conversation.

(6) Your P. S. about the standing invitation warms the cockles of my heart. I will keep it in mind.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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4/11/58

STATEMENT OF NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE TRUSTEES RELATIVE TO THE PRESENCE OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL IN WESLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH.

From time to time some one raises a question about the occupancy of offices in the Wesley Memorial Church building by the Southern Regional Council. In order to quiet minds disturbed because of charges of Communistic activity on the part of the organization or those who have the direction of its affairs in hand the Trustees of the North Georgia Conference are hereby issuing a statement regarding the situation.

1. The Southern Regional Council was admitted to the building in 1944. It is an Organization founded by Southern leaders interested in better racial understanding. Among its present directors are educators, churchmen, business executives and outstanding leaders in other fields. The Council has been a center of research creating materials which might be used by those concerned for educating the people of our section in race relations. It's record has been very creditable.
2. As tenants in the building the conduct of its staff has no mark of unseemly conduct against it. The organization has been prompt in handling all financial obligations and pleasant in all dealings and relationships.
3. Recently in the Fall of 1957, we as Trustees have gone into the matter of charges and innuendos about the Council with reference to its Communistic connections, and we have found nothing to substantiate such statements.
4. The Council is engaged in a research and study program in the field of Race Relations. This area of concern is a controversial nature in the United States just now. However, we feel that the creative nature of the type of work they do is not inconsistent with their continued occupancy of space in Wesley Memorial Church.

Same ltr. sent to: Dr. Rufus E. Clement, Mr. John Griffin,
Mr. M. A. Wright, Miss Josephine Wilkins,
Rev. Duncan Hunter, and Mr. Dan Whitsett.

April 11, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I thought you would like to see a copy of the statement on the Southern Regional Council by the Trustees in charge of the Wesley Memorial Building. This statement is being sent routinely to all persons who make any inquiry or complaint about the Council's occupancy of space in the building.

Naturally, it would be improper for us to make any use of the statement ourselves. It was supplied to us purely for our own information.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1(Statement of North Georgia Conference Trustees...)

Mailed separately: Wall Street Journal Reprint - "Segregation Costs...)
Dec. 17, 1957
N. Y. Times Reprint - "Leaders in South..." 12/25/57
N. Y. Times Reprint - "The Southern Negro..."
John Popham - dtd. 12/1/57
Board List (SRC)
SRC Annual Report, 1957
Congressional Record Reprint - dtd. July 26, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL April 11, 1958

Mr. Harris L. Wofford, Jr.
c/o Civil Rights Commission
726 Jackson Place, N. W., - 6th Floor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wofford:

I am delighted to know that you will be associated with the work of the Civil Rights Commission, and I hope you will call on us for every possible assistance we can render.

There are many things which I would like to discuss with you, and if I have an opportunity to come to Washington anytime soon, I will hope to see you.

Meanwhile, I am sending separately some of our materials which may be pertinent. I must confess that I don't recall what materials, if any, we may have supplied you with when you were here, so I will run the risk of duplication.

I might mention that the Southern Regional Council and other agencies are engaged in a fact-finding effort which may produce results of interest to the Civil Rights Commission. I will see that you are kept informed of the progress of these efforts.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I am changing your address on our mailing list to that shown above. I trust this is proper.

H.C.F.

Copy of Yarrow's ltr - dtd 4/1/58 sent to:
A. E. Cox, Will Campbell, Art Levin

April 14, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

Thanks so much for your letter bringing me up to date on the results of the appeal for Hazel Brannon Smith. I am impressed by the aggregate total that came in, considering the slow start. Please keep the books open awhile longer; I feel reasonably sure that at least a small additional amount will be forthcoming.

I hope I will see you soon under circumstances more favorable for discussion of our mutual concerns than we had at the CCD meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 14, 1958

Mr. Kenneth M. Birkhead
Executive Director
American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, S. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ken:

We are always glad to cooperate with AVC and will make such further efforts as we can to turn up information for your study through our normal channels. However, I don't think we had better undertake any formal responsibility for the project, for two reasons. First, we are already loaded beyond the capacity of our staff. Secondly, and quite frankly, we have so many battles to fight already that we are not eager to get involved in a knock-down-drag-out with the Legion.

This doesn't alter the fact that a temporary project person employed by AVC would have our cooperation and, I'm sure, that of other organizations with like purposes.

Do let me know what you finally work out and if we can be of further help in this or any other matter of common concern.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 14, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thought you might want a copy of the script for *Face of the South*.

My intended letter to you following the meeting with the Arkansas Council was waylaid by illness, vacation, and the subsequent pressure of duties.

It was good to have been with you and the group, and I look forward to a return relative to labor program.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.
EFV:fcl

April 14, 1958

Mr. John Connors
AFL-CIO Department of Education
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear John Connors:

I thought you might want this script of Face of the South for the film library in the event that one had not already come your way.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosure.

EFV:fcl

April 14, 1958

Mr. Pyke Johnson, Jr.
Publicity Manager
Doubleday & Company, Inc., Publishers
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This is a belated response to your letter concerning The Lonesome Road, and the copy of the book itself which reached us shortly thereafter.

Several of us here have read the book and thought it a very useful account of the Negro in American history. We plan to review it in our monthly publication, New South, which reaches a good many of the Southerners of both races who would be interested. While I think it would be highly desirable for as many white Southerners as possible to read the book, I am not too hopeful about that market. It strikes me, however, that proper promotion should create quite a bit of interest among Negroes. I think of such organizations as the National Council of Negro Women, the NAACP, the Negro teacher organizations in the South, libraries in Negro institutions, and the various state-wide Negro PTA organizations, as examples. If you have promotion literature on the book, or are planning some, mailings through these channels and publicity in the various organs of these groups should be worthwhile. I would also suggest, if you have not already done so, you send review copies of such publications as Phylon, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Journal of Negro Education, published at Howard University.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky

April 14, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director - Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Belated thanks for your last letter and the suggestion of Alice Cobb for Board membership. We will include her name in the list of potentials when it is drawn up for the Nominating Committee.

The workshop on employment should be very timely. We have seen no statistics that shed light on the question of the racial composition of the newly unemployed, but it is reasonable to assume that Negroes have been disproportionately affected by the recession. In most cases, Negroes do not have equal seniority rights with white workers and therefore aren't protected against discrimination in lay offs.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 15, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold Fleming

From: Fred Routh

Re: White (if you'll excuse the expression) Paper on charges made in Bob Hughes' letter, April 11, 1958

This is obviously a letter of grievance -- grievances justified, and grievances unwarranted. Let us deal with both.

Grievances justified:

1. SRC is charged with forfeiting "invaluable opportunities, especially during the past twelve months in providing program ideas, etc." Mr. Hughes continues, "It is inconceivable that some of our state affiliates have not come up with meaningful program development . . . "

   Though the latter statement is an indictment of state organizations, and improperly characterizes SRC's relationship with them, the former is a valid criticism. We have been remiss in our program assistance to some state organizations. Part of this difficulty is due to the paucity of material sent in to the central office by state organizations, upon which could be based specific program suggestions -- which have been tried and found useful.

2. SRC is charged with not having "a regular newsletter giving meaningful program ideas, budgets, money raising gimmicks, memberships, membership drive gimmicks, etc. of the various affiliates from which all of us can benefit."

   This statement again improperly characterizes the relationship between SRC and the state organizations but otherwise has some merit. We were remiss in not regularly getting out a newsletter last year, particularly in the summer and fall. We have since changed the format and are getting out the newsletter every other month. The new format should give some program suggestions to any state organization staff member who is sensitive to program development. The first issue dealt with "The New Look" at SRC and spelled out our concept of program activities with a regional framework. The second issue dealt with "The New Look" among state organizations and was based upon program proposals of the state organizations. Though general in nature, there were literally dozens of program suggestions in this newsletter. More program suggestions should be forthcoming, however.

3. The suggestion is made that a meeting of state organization staff members be held -- either on a fifty-fifty cost basis or SRC bearing all the cost.

   This has been my suggestion from the beginning of my work with state organizations. In fact, it was I who labelled the meeting at Camp New Hope

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the "Annual State Staff Meeting." I still suggest careful consideration be given this request and that SRC weigh its priority along with other activities in considering budgetary expenditures.

Unwarranted grievances:

Rather than itemize unwarranted grievances, suffice it to say that they ignore the relationship between SRC and state organizations clearly spelled out in the Williamsburg memo. The expectations of attending two Board of Directors meetings in each state are unreal in light of SRC's staffing and regional concept of strategy. It is not our intent to ignore the legitimate needs of state organizations, but after three years of experience we expect them to be able to stand on their own feet and even take a few meaningful steps. We don't expect them to run, yet.

This calls for further discussion, and while C.H. Parrish and John Hope are here I propose we dig into it.

FBR:fcl

April 15, 1958

Mr. James A. Budd
2430 Brentwood Place
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Budd:

First of all I want to thank you for the courtesies you showed me last night. I felt it was good for me to be with the group for it gave me new strength and courage.

You know I wish all good things to come to you as you carry through your plans.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the registration bill as passed by the Georgia Legislature and also the criticism made by the president of the League of Women Voters.

Please know that I am intensely interested in what you are doing and if I can help at any time, kindly let me know.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

April 15, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Mr. Peters:

When your manuscript came to the Southern Regional Council I had little time to read and consider it, but I felt it should have a little fuller story of the Fellowship of the Concerned.

I am enclosing in this letter a brief history of the work of the women of the South. You may like to use this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

April 15, 1958

Dr. Clayton Calhoun
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the registration act that was passed by the legislature, and also a thermo-fax copy of the criticism by the president of the League of Women Voters.

I always enjoy being at Paine College and I was especially thrilled with the meeting last night. I hope the Council will be able to carry through the projects that was suggested.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encls.

April 15, 1958

Mr. Jimmie Jones, State Auditor
State Capitol Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Jones:

Please send us the list of county-by-county figures of white and Negro registered voters in Arkansas recently compiled by your office.

If there is any charge, please bill us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 15, 1958

Dr. George E. Clary
Program Director
Lake Junaluska Assembly
408 Wesley Memorial Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clary:

This is to confirm our telephone conversation concerning the Youth Convocation to be held at Lake Junaluska July 21 - 25. Emory Via has entered these dates on his calendar and will be prepared to serve as a resource person to the concern group on Southern economic problems.

I am sorry that it will not be possible for me to be present, but I know that you will find Emory's contribution superior.

Emory was born and reared in Virginia, the son of a Methodist Minister. He graduated from Emory University in 1946. Since that time he has worked in the field of labor,education -- adult education with union groups in Philadelphia, Chicago, and Atlanta. He has been on the staff of the Atlanta Labor Education Association, the Georgia Workers Education Service, the Philadelphia School District Special Project on Labor Education, and of the Labor Education Division of Roosevelt University (Chicago). He holds an M.A. from the

University of Chicago, and has completed the requirements for a Ph.D. in political science from that institution. He is currently working as Labor Consultant for the Southern Regional Council.

He has worked with a variety of youth projects sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures: Nat'l. Council of Churches leaflets promoting film - one a news release

April 15, 1958

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Enclosed you will find two pieces of material which may be of some help to you in promoting "The Face of the South".

In addition, you might quote the review of the film by Howard Thompson in the New York Times; "Wonderful in its home-spun, hard-grained sensibility." Of course, much of the film deals with the history of the South - you may want to stress that fact.

If we can be of additional help, please feel free to call on us. We are conscious of the good work of the Charlottesville-Albermarle Council and are anxious to be of any possible service.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2

List of those to whom this letter was sent is attached.

April 15, 1958

Mr. Ken Peterson
Civil Rights Coordinator, IUE
1126 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ken:

We are now planning for the second annual Union Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. Last year the combination of special labor programs, the formal program of the Institute, and the informal bull sessions proved highly successful and merited the acclaim of the thirty unionists who participated.

This year's program will be broader in scope and we plan to reach a greater cross section of Southern labor leadership. The regular Fisk program will provide general background on racial problems. The Union Seminars in the afternoons will deal specifically with Southern union problems and the race question. Individual sessions will be on topics such as: a) Patterns of Race Relations in Southern Unions; b) Southern Labor History; c) Developments in the Southern Economy; d) Activities of the Pro-Segregation Groups; e) Community and Regional Human Relations Resources; f) Merit Employment; and g) The Race Issue in Organising Campaigns.

This is an advance notice so that you can consider who from your organization should attend. We feel that union staffers, state and city body officers, and outstanding local leadership will profit most from this opportunity. The Seminar will be for one week, either the first or second week of July, at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee. The approximate cost for accommodations, meals, and tuition is $50.00.

Please let us hear from you soon regarding those persons to whom you would like information sent. We are counting on your interest and assistance to make the program a meaningful contribution to the problems we all face.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via Labor Consultant Southern Regional Council	Benjamin D. Segal Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights

EFV:fcl

List of persons to whom advance notice of 1958 Union Seminar at Fisk was sent:

(Letters despatched on 15th, 16th, and 17th April.)

Jarvis Baughman
International Wood Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Edmund Dumas
Director, District #9
United Packinghouse Workers of America
353½ Luckie Street
Atlanta, Georgia

George Gill, Director
District 3, CWA
40 Pryor Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Charles H. Gillman
Director, AFL-CIO Region 6
1026 Hurt Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

James P. Harden
Education Department, UAW
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

E. T. Kehrer
S.E. Regional Director, ILGWU
1489 Gordon Street, S.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Loren H. Nelles
Director, District 35, USWA
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Ray Nixon
United Rubber Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Eric Polisar
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenu,e N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Carl E. Griffin
2182 Hillside Circle
Birmingham, Alabama

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1958 Union Seminar -- continued:

Leroy Lindsey
Secretary-Treasurer
Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO
604 Lyric Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

E. C. Pippin
Alabama Labor Council
Leu Building
Montgomery, Alabama

Odell Smith, President
Arkansas State Labor Council
411 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

V. H. Williams
Executive Secretary
Arkansas State Labor Council
415 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

John Brumm
Education Director
International Association of Machinists
Machinists Building
9th Street at Mt. Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

John Caldwell, Education Director
American Federation of State, County,
and Municipal Employees
815 Mount Vernon Place, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Franz Daniels
Assistant Director
Department of Organizations, AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Ken Peterson
Civil Rights Coordinator, IUE
1126 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Boris Shishkin
AFL-CIO Civil Rights Committee
815 Sixteenth Street
Washington 6, D.C.

Edmund H. Weyler
International Brotherhood of Carpenters
and Joiners
Carpenters' Building
Washington, D.C.

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1958 Union Seminar -- continued:

Lee White
Communications Workers of America
1808 Adams Mill Road, N.W.
Washington 9, D.C.

Paul D. Ward
Director of Special Services
American Federation of Teachers
28-E Jackson
Chicago, Illinois

Sam Ezelle
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armoury Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

E. H. Williams
Director, AFL-CIO Region 7
1919 St. Claude Avenue
New Orleans 16, Louisiana

Victor Bussie
Louisiana State Labor Council
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

William H. Oliver
Co-Director, Fair Practices Department
United Auto Workers
8000 East Jefferson
Detroit 14, Michigan

Earl Henderson
UAW Fair Employment Practices
Representative
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

E. T. Michael
Director, Region 8, UAW
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Oliver Singleton
Acting Director
AFL-CIO Region 4
1216 E. Baltimore Street
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Julian Fraser
Field Represehtative, UAW
Railway Exchange Building
Kansas City, Missouri

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1958 Union Seminar -- continued:

Carey E. Haigler
Director, AFL-CIO Region 5
1106-10 Independence Building
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Boyd Payton
Regional Director, TWUA
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, N.C.

Wilbur Hobby
Editor, Durham Labor Journal
210 May Street
Durham, North Carolina

Floyd Butler
International Representative
Furniture Workers
509½ South Main
High Point, North Carolina

W. M. Barbee, President
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

J. W. Holder
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Woodrow G. Pendergrass
Director, AFL-CIO Region 16
705 Enterprise Building
522 South Boston
Tulsa 3, Oklahoma

James E. Turner
Director, Fair Practices Department
URWA, URW Building
Mill and High Street
Akron, Ohio

James E. Wolfe
Director, Research and Education
United Brewery Workers
2347 Vine Street
Cincinnati, Ohio

C. E. Perry
Director of Research and Education
Glass Bottle Blowers Association
226 S. Sixteenth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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1958 Union Seminar -- continued:

Francis C. Shane
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

E. T. Kirkland
Secretary Treasurer
South Carolina Labor Concil, AFL-CIO
119 S. Parker Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Paul R. Christopher
Director, AFL-CIO Region 8
216 Clatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dial Murphy
Director, District No. 9
Oil, Chemical, and Atomic Workers
International Union
220 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N.E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dan Powell
C.O.P.E., AFL-CIO
5298 Revere Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Lester Graham
Director, AFL-CIO Region 17
1318 Continental National Bank Building
Fort Worth, Texas

Carmen Lucia
Representative, United Hatters
Longview Hotel
Longview, Texas

Harold Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 N. Belvidere Street
Richmond, Virginia

EFV:fcl
April 15, 1958

April 16, 1958

Doctor George Walker
State Department of Education
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Doctor Walker:

Please forward one (1) copy of your report, "Rural Education in the South," to:

Research Office
Southern Regional Council
Room 432, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

We are enclosing $ .60 in stamps in payment for this publication.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

April 16, 1958

Mrs. Herbert McAbee
509 Pennwood Drive
Spartanburg, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. McAbee:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 15th and for the helpful observations on desegregation in waiting rooms in Spartanburg.

We would like to obtain information on other South Carolina cities, and under separate cover we are forwarding eleven copies of our questionnaire forms,as you suggested, for completion by your district secretaries. We have already contacted individuals in several South Carolina cities (asking them for information about their cities alone) and if our contacts include any of your district secretaries, we would appreciate your mentioning in your communication that the additional questionnaire is not duplicated effort, but an attempt to obtain information on a larger scale. We have contacted the following workers in the Fellowship of the Concerned in South Carolina:

Miss May Delle Barre
Greenville, South Carolina

Mrs. W. A. Davis
Charleston, South Carolina

Again, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

April 16, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

We hear ominous things about the tenure of Joseph Margolis at the University of South Carolina. We know nothing about Mr. Margolis except for his article which appeared in the AAUP Bulletin which we reprinted in New South. He readily gave us his consent to reprint the article when we wrote him about it several months ago, and we have heard nothing from him since. Do you know anything about any reprisals against him and just how difficult his situation may be at the University?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

Mr. A. R. Suritz
Barry's Inc.
101 East Main Street
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Bob:

Many thanks for the copy of the fine editorial on Harry Golden. Golden is indeed a remarkable person to elicit this kind of respect and affection from such normally inhumane sources.

We have heard similar rumors about the plight of Joseph Margolis. I don't know him, and we have heard nothing from him since he gave us permission to reprint his article from the AAUP Bulletin. I have written Alice Spearman to see if she can shed any light on the matter. I will let you know, and I hope you will do likewise by me.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 16, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

I almost forgot to follow up our conversation about the possibility of your coming South next month. The dates set for the next Southern interagency conference are May 27-28, beginning at noon and ending at noon the second day. I seem to recall that you had a conflict at the end of the month. Could you come down earlier and perhaps leave right after the meeting?

If this won't work, let me know when you can make it. The only affair of importance we have scheduled is an executive committee meeting in the middle of the week beginning Monday, May 12. It will probably be on Tuesday or Wednesday, and we'd be delighted to have you here then.

The main thing is for you to come. I'll be looking forward to word.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

Mrs. Martin L. Harvey
415 North Farish Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

Your letter of April 14, to Mr. Fleming and to me has been received. And after consultation we decided that I will be with you at your meeting of the Board of Social and Economic Relations at Central Methodist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, April 26.

You certainly have a serious subject to consider since Georgia, Alabama and Mississippi legislatures seem determine that the Negro should be disfranchised. At any rate we can look into the situation and think through ways in which any citizen of Mississippi may be able to use his constitutional rights.

With best wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 16, 1958

Mrs. D. L. Grizzard, President
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Decatur District
North Alabama Conference of The Methodist Church
Decatur, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Grizzard:

Thank you so much for your letter of April 10, calling our attention to an error in the registration list sent for use in the Alabama-Florida workshop. We regret this error occured for the second time. There were corrections made on the sheet and I thought all were made.

Your interest in the matter was most heartening. If more people like you were proud that the rights and privileges of citizenship of their counties were protected for all people, the troubles of our section would not be so great.

Again thanking you for your letter, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 16, 1958

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I am glad now that your workshop dates are set, and I have marked the dates September 10-11, on my calender. This time I will make arrangements not to leave until your adjournment comes, regardless of what time the trains run.

Thank you so much for the words about my picture in "The Methodist Woman."

With all good wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

P.S. The $200.00 is available for your workshop.

April 16, 1958

Mrs. Henry W. Havens
2845 Corinthian Avenue
Jacksonville 10, Florida

Dear Jane:

It is very good indeed to hear from you again, though I am greatly saddened to learn of Mr. Haven's death. I do hope that your own health will remain first-rate and that you will have the good fortune that you deserve in the period ahead.

All goes well with the Flemings and with SRC. Jane and I have our hands full with two off-springs, both boys, 2 and 7. And I needn't tell you that I have my working hands full with fund-raising, paper pushing, and program activities of SRC.

George and Alice Mitchell are about to complete a house in Glencoe, Scotland.

So that you can see what we are up to these days, I am enclosing a copy of our 1957 Annual Report.

If you should have occasion to use me or the Council as a reference, I should be very glad to serve.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 1 (SRC Annual Report, 1957)

VIA AIR MAIL April 16, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

Now that Mrs. Tilly has had a chance to write the primary letter of appreciation for receipt of the 1958 contribution from the Phelps-Stokes Fund, I want to add my own word of thanks. It means a great deal to us for the Fund to understand so well the importance of Mrs. Tilly's work for SRC and to assist it so faithfully.

I know I don't have to tell you that Mrs. Tilly produces daily miracles on a very modest budget, and therefore, the $2,000 contributed by the Phelps-Stokes Fund is of disproportionately great importance to us and to the South. Please convey the Council's warm thanks to Dr. Patterson and the Trustees.

If you will forgive me dealing with a second, unrelated matter, I want to bring you up to date on the proposed Southern inter-religious conference. The Southern steering committee met not lnng ago and decided that it would be just as well not to attempt to stage the conference during 1958. There may or may not be a national conference, depending on what the CCD subcommittee decides at its forthcoming meeting. But, however, that turns out, it is still the firm intent of the Southern group to follow through on a regional conference to be held next year, possibly in the spring. Therefore, your soundings will still be most valuable; it is simply that the time factor is no longer as urgent as we thought it was.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Mr. and Mrs. Oosterhuizen showed up, and we had a couple of very pleasant conversations. I was impressed with the guy's earnestness and obvious concern for morality. I suggested that he make a special effort to talk with Frank Loescher on his return to New York

H. C. F.

April 16, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

You may recall my showing you a copy of Bob Hughes letter to Watts and Pat Malin. Subsequently, I talked to Watts and he agreed readily to apply ACLU's influence to the Birmingham law firm in question. The letter enclosed gives the unhappy sequel.

I wanted to keep you up to date on this, since it is possible that we will be calling on Rights of Conscience for assistance to Bob Hughes and the Alabama Council. It seems to be shaping up as the kind of case with which you have been concerned.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - Ltr. to Rowland Watts - dtd. 4/16/58

April 16, 1958

Dr. Marion F. Langer
Executive Secretary
The American Orthopsychiatric Association
1790 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Dr. Langer:

This is belated thanks for your kind letter of March 31 and for the check to cover my travel expenses to and from the Association's annual meeting. It was a priviledge for me to take part in the meeting, and I greatly enjoyed the brief association with you and the other fine people who were involved.

I am sorry to say that I spoke from the roughest kind of notes and therefore have no manuscript to submit to the Journal.

Please give my best regards to Clara Rabinowitz, Stuart Cook, and your other colleagues.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for sending me a copy of the *Proposal for Study of European Reactions to the Race Problem in the U. S.* I think it has real merit. Unfortunately, I am in no position to take it up with Max Hahn just now, since we are before the Field Foundation with a request ourselves. Once that has been acted on, I could at least refer it to him as a project of possible interest.

I must say that, having talked with Hahn since I saw you last, I am not very optimistic. He shows little enthusiasm for anything in this field except work with influential people within the South itself. For example, he pushed off the whole question of foreign visitors which we consider important showing little or no interest whatever.

Of course, there are other foundations and I will be glad to talk with you more about them when I see you next. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 16, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices & Anti-Discrimination Dept.
U. A. W.
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the check for $250 for the fact-finding project. We understand that the second and final installment will be forthcoming.

The project is making good progress. Mrs. Margaret Price has been engaged as the project person and has been on the job now for a little over a week. The agencies' steering committee is meeting frequently to give overall direction to the work. We should have a draft report ready within the next couple of months. Meanwhile, I will keep you posted.

With best wishes to you and your associates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
Executive Secretary
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

My apologies for getting so far behind in our correspondence. I will try to catch up by covering a couple of matters in this one letter.

First of all, thanks for your letter of April 10, which was intended to transmit the first half of AFSC's share to the fact-finding project. I say "intended" because the check somehow failed to get itself enclosed. This happens to us ever so often, and it is standard practice for us to blame the inanimate object. As to the second half, we will worry not. With all those rich Quakers AFSC has on the string, $250 will give thee no trouble at all.

We now have the following amounts in hand:

ADL	$500
NAACP	500
UAW	250

The others have sent warm assurances of early remittances.

The project is well under way. I am enclosing the rough notes on the meeting of the Steering Committee held on Monday, as part of my continuing effort to keep you informed. If at any point you have reservations about the procedure or want further explanation, don't hesitate to let me know.

I am sorry to say that I have not yet had a chance to read the draft statement on race relations, but I hope to get you a reaction shortly. Meanwhile, I want you to know that we have considered around here the question of university presses. I wasn't able to collect any further ideas of sufficient note to warrant further communication. In fact, I believe the ideas we cooked up on the telephone are as good as anything I was able to uncover. If you want to let me know what efforts you make and what the results are, I will be glad to continue to ponder the question with you.

As to the legal aid idea, I must report that there wasn't even a decent funeral accorded it in New York. You will have heard something of this from Mike Yarrow, I am sure. There was sort of a vague understanding that CCD was to see what could be worked out with the appropriate agencies, but there was no receptivity at all for the kind of full blown services we had in mind.

As a further dismal note, I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I have just written to Rowland Watts. It seems we can't even get the services that ACLU is thought to offer routinely. I am sending a copy of this to Mike Yarrow with the thought that "Rights of Conscience" may be able to give some help if that situation blows up.

The best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Minutes of Steering Committee Mtg. on Fact-Finding Proj.

April 16, 1958

Miss Frances Moser
National Student Secretary
Southern Region - YWCA
Suite 301, 41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Moser:

Nothing would please me more than to take part in the Student YMCA-YWCA Regional Conference to be held in June. It is a matter of regret, therefore, that I find that I will be away on these dates.

If you feel it would be satisfactory, we should be glad to have the Southern Regional Council represented by another member of the staff who will be free the week of June 6-12. He is Paul Anthony, who bears the title of Administrative Assistant, but who is thoroughly informed about the program of the Council and developments in Southern race relations generally. Paul is an excellent speaker and workshop leader and, I am sure, would serve your purposes well in every respect. Please let us know if you would like Paul Anthony to reserve those dates.

Again, my regrets that I am unable to accept so welcome an invitation and all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 16, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

The question of a helping hand from ACLU to the Alabama Council continues to hang fire for reasons that are quite beyond me. I have written Rowland Watts as enclosed, and I thought you might be interested. I will let you know what results, if anything, but at this point I am not very hopeful.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Sent separately: - 6 copies - The Negro Voter in the South

April 16, 1958

Mr. James A. Dombrowski
Executive Director
Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.
822 Perdido Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Dombrowski:

I am sending a half dozen copies of our report on registration and voting under separate cover.

We should be glad to see the Southern Patriot regularly, as well as any other materials to which you give general distribution. We are adding the Southern Patriot to the exchange list for New South.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent separately: NEW SOUTH - March/1958
"Pro-Segregation Groups..."
"Religious Bodies..."
SRC Annual Report, 1957

April 16, 1958

Mr. George E. Haynes
303 Tecumseh Avenue
Mount Vernon, New York

Dear Mr. Haynes:

It is a pleasure to enroll you as an associate member of the Council and as a subscriber to New South for one year. Under separate cover, we are sending you the current issue of the magazine and the Special Reports which you requested.

In light of your association with the Southern Interracial Commission, it occurs to us that you might find the Council's last annual report of some interest. This we are sending with the other materials.

If we can supply you with additional materials or otherwise be of help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

Mr. Robert M. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I have written Rowland Watts Air Mail Special Delivery as enclosed. I have also sent a blind copy to Ed Lukas of the American Jewish Committee, who has taken a considerable amount of interest in ACLU's involvement in cases of this kind. You may well be skeptical of the chances of any reply. However, a written request of this kind was something I felt important for my purposes.

I did not mean to imply at any time that you should feel estopped from any other lines of communication that you might feel worthwhile. I merely felt that the ACLU matter should be pushed further from another vantage point, and this I am doing. But please do not consider that I am pressing you to put reliance in Watts and Malin or to defer any other action that you think might be fruitful.

You and the Birmingham group are showing a fine spirit in the face of great odds, and we here at the Council want to be of every possible assistance.

I am interested to learn of the new pamphlet attack upon the Alabama Council and SRC and will look forward to receiving a copy. If you find it impossible to secure an extra copy, perhaps you could send us the original which we would reproduce and return to you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
bc - Ltr. to Rowland Watts - dtd. 4/16/58

P. S. I have also sent a copy of my letter to Watts to Mike Yarrow of the AFSC's Rights of Conscience Program. If litigation develops, they may very well give some help on legal fees.

H.C.F.

Blind copies of this ltr. sent to:

Bob Hughes - Alabama Council on H. R.
Ed Lukas - AJC
Tartt Bell - AFSC
C. H. Yarrow - AFSC (Rights of Conscience Program)

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL April 16, 1958

Mr. Rowland Watts
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Watts:

This is to follow-up our telephone conversation of a couple of weeks ago. You will recall our understanding that either Mr. Angell or you would write to Douglas Arant of Birmingham urging that Mr. Vann of that firm be released to provide legal counsel for the Birmingham Council on Human Relations. Neither Bob Hughes nor I have received a carbon of such a letter, so I am assuming that it has not been sent.

Since this is a matter of some urgency, I do hope you can let me know at once where the matter stands and what we may expect. The Birmingham Council has been re-organized and has decided to meet monthly from now on, let the chips fall where they may. Of course, the group is not looking for trouble; on the contrary, it is carrying on normal program in the hope that no further molestation by the police authorities will occur. But, knowing Birmingham, anyone would understand that the possibility of police interference is very real. Therefore, it is of great importance to have a local lawyer whose availability to the group is assured if the occasion arises.

I understand that Vann is favorably disposed and has discussed the matter informally with Arant, who also seems favorably disposed and is awaiting word from ACLU before making any decision on the matter.

It is a tribute to ACLU that its influence carries this weight, and I strongly hope that you will bring it to bear at once so that the matter of prospective legal counsel may be decided before an emergency situation is upon us.

There may be reasons why you feel this inadvisable. Or perhaps a letter has already gone forward to Arant that we know not of. If so, please let me know promptly and candidly. I shall be looking forward expectANTLY to a reply at your earliest convenience.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 16, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil
Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Ben:

Here is the list receiving the preliminary announcements of the Fisk Seminar. Let me know who else you want to receive them. Some of these letters are still going out.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

April 16, 1958

Mr. Allan Gianniny
106 Parklane
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Allan:

I plan to be in Charlottesville on Tuesday, April 22nd. I will be working on short time but hope to get to see you and Jean for at least a quick visit.

I have often had occasion to think how remiss I have been in not thanking you for both information and hospitality on my last visit to Charlottesville. I can only plead the circumstances of the continuing situation -- or whatever: chiefly, human procrastination.

In the meantime, my love to you and Jean and the family.

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

April 16, 1958

Rev. Warner Crumb
Wesley Memorial Methodist Church
Emmett Street at Thomson Road
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Warner:

I plan to be in Charlottesville on Tuesday, April 22nd. My stay will be short and busy, but I hope I will get to have some time with you. I have written Gianniny that I am coming.

Best personal regards to you and Martha.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:fcl

April 16, 1958

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard S. Via, Sr.
1600 Westwood Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Dearest Folks:

I will be in Virginia April 21 through 24. On the 23rd I will be in Richmond on a rushed business schedule. I am sorry that this opportunity to get into town has to be such a quick one.

Fred Routh, our Assistant Director, will be with me. Although we expect to have a meeting on the evening of the 23rd we would like to come out to the Hermitage and spend the night with you. I will call you when I get into town so you will know what my schedule will be.

Everything at home is going well.

Love,

EFV:fcl

April 17, 1958

Dr. Eli Ginzberg
Graduate School of Business
Columbia University
New York, N.Y.

Dear Eli Ginzberg:

John Hope has just been in the office and tells me you are speaking to the Florida State Teachers Association at Miami in the near future. He suggested that if we had any special material on the situation down there we might pass it on to you. I am enclosing a little pamphlet entitled "Dade County Schools and Desegregation". This was developed by a community group largely led by the Dade County Council on Community Relations -- a local affiliate of our cooperating state organisation in Florida.

As you probably know Florida has not yet begun to comply with the Supreme Court decision. On the other hand it would be erroneous to classify the Sunshine State as "hard core." There is strong, responsible, recognized leadership working actively for desegregation in the state and the movement centers in Dade County (Miami) and Pinellas County (St. Petersburg). Miami Beach has many facilities available to mixed groups and to all-Negro groups, including the majority of the best hotels.

The Dade County Council is planning a mass dinner meeting in the Bay-front Auditorium in May. Last year they had 400 people in attendance at such a dinner; this year they expect even more. Attendance at the dinner as well as the program itself is integrated.

If we can be of any further help to you please feel free to call on us.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 17, 1958

Miss Anna Holden
2010 Meharry Boulevard
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

It was good hearing from you and reading the material you sent concerning Nashville. I see that Mr. and Mrs. Valien are still doing bang up jobs there in Nashville.

Following your letter I also received one from Mr. Robinson concerning distribution of the Nashville pamphlet. As you may remember, the Council no longer has a membership as such. Memberships are constituted in the state organizations which are independent units. However, I am sending Mr. Robinson a list of the state organizations with the suggestion that he write them with a view towards their circularizing their members. I will, of course, write the state organizations too.

I am sorry to hear that you will probably be job hunting again soon, but if I hear of anything I will let you know.

Best wishes and come see us soon.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

April 17, 1958

Mr. James R. Robinson
Executive Secretary
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your recent letter concerning the CORE pamphlet on Nashville.

The Council no longer has a membership as such, but memberships are constituted in individual state organizations, once affiliated with the Council. I am sending you a list of these state organizations and hope you will write each one concerning the Nashville pamphlet. It certainly sounds excellent and will probably be of interest to most of the members of the state organizations. Of course, I hope you will let us see a copy of the galley proofs so we can determine if the Council itself can make use of the pamphlet.

Had you thought of asking Better Schools concerning distribution through their organization? Their address is 9 East 40th Street, New York 16, New York, and I understand they undertake distributions of this kind occasionally.

Again thanks and let us know about the pamphlet, and I do hope you will get in touch with the State Human Relations Organizations.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

Same letter sent to:
Mr. Nat Griswold
Mr. William K. Williams
Dr. Guy H. Wells
Mr. Hugh Brimm
Mr. Harry S. Jones
Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Mr. Edwin G. Kloppe
Mr. John H. Marion
Mrs. R. S. Lyells

April 17, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Here is a copy of a letter from James R. Robinson, Executive Secretary of CORE. I assume you will be hearing from Mr. Robinson soon concerning distribution of the pamphlet he mentions, since I have given your name as someone who might be interested in the pamphlet.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 18, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of the Churches of Christ
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Daddy Will:

I have received your communique of April 17th and find the inter-relationship of the Inter-Religious Sub-Committee of CCD, the Acting Interim Chairman, and the Acting Executive Committee illuminating. For the first time I fully understand what is going on.

Since I now understand what is going on I shall attend the meeting in the Great Metropolis Monday, May 5th, at 2.30 p.m. in Roy McCorkel's office.

I shall comply with the instructions in the last paragraph of your letter.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:fcl

April 18, 1958

Mr. Louis M. Lyons
Harvard University Nieman Foundation
for Journalism
44 Holyoke House
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Lyons:

I appreciate the candor of your letter concerning P.D. East's application for a Nieman Fellowship. I shall try to be equally frank.

Having spent a fair amount of time with East, I can understand your bafflement. He can be extremely disconcerting. My own impression -- which is not more than that -- is that his eccentricity of manner is explained in the same way as the Petal Paper. That is, by East's almost fanatical individualism, his fear of being dependent on or beholden to anybody, and his inspired but somewhat zany wit. All this is made more complicated by what I take to be wide streaks of naivete in his makeup.

I would agree that, by normal standards, these traits add up to a considerable liability. Yet there are also unusual entries to be made on the credit side. While I cannot consider his candidacy in relation to other applicants, I offer the following observations as supporting consideration of East:

He has a highly original talent for satire. But his work has many rough edges. As he is the first to admit, he is handicapped by his wholly Mississippi background and education. A year at Harvard should do a lot to remedy the defects of provincialism and intellectual undernourishment.

His importance to Mississippi and the South is largely symbolic -- but symbols are a major part of the struggle today. His audience is small, but disproportionately influential. At his best, he stimulates and heartens a significant portion of the enlightened South. Aside from Harry Golden, he is the only practicing satirist in a region that needs an army of them.

Continued . . .

Finally, I should think something could be said for East as a practitioner of that "personal journalism" so frequently elegized in the passing. Off-beat specimen though he may be, he is an impressively live and kicking representative of the breed.

As to the specific questions you pose, I can be of little help. I don't know East well enough to assess his motives or the chances of his resuming his crusade in Mississippi after a Nieman year. I would venture the opinion, however, that his own answers to these questions would honestly express his intentions.

I want to make it clear that my purpose is not to advocate East's selection over any and all other candidates. I have nothing but admiration for the fine choices the Selecting Committee has made in the past, and I know that this year's selections from the South will reflect the same good judgment.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:fcl

Va.
General

April 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM

CONFIDENTIAL

To: Harold Fleming
Fred Routh
Jack Marion

From: Emory Via

Re: Blacksburg, Virginia and VPI and conversations with Darwin E. Norby and Perry Holt.

In conversations with the above two men on April 16 and 17 I received the following interesting incidental information.

Norby heads a small human relations club on the VPI campus. They have engaged in projects such as determining student opinion to various aspects of integration, relating to the few Negro students on the campus and sending interracial teams to other college campuses to discuss with students there what they can do either in preparing for integration, facing moral and practical problems involved or in meeting situations that arise.

The previous head of the human relations club was either fired or let go with a witness (the Presbyterian assistant on the campus) to the fact that his work in race relations and with the club were the chief factors involved. The club is now an official campus activity; however, it is felt that it comes in for little attention because it maintains a smallish membership. I think about twelve students are actively involved, even though they sometimes get 60-70 students out to meetings.

The "Ring Dance" at VPI is the social occasion of the year. It is the most formal, most elaborate, the occasion for presenting a miniature class ring to ones best girl, etc., etc. -- a real deal. When the first Negro student arrived at his junior year there was a campaign of rumor and half information about whether he would attend the dance and what would happen if he did. Evidently on his own initiative he wrote an open letter to the student paper explaining that though the dance interested him and he wanted to have a good time with his best girl he did not want to embarrass her, himself, or the student body and so therefore he would not attend. This letter received some publicity outside of the campus circles and the student did receive a number of anonymous threats. The next year's junior class also had Negro member(s) and the class officers approached them and carefully explained that they were invited and wanted at the dance. The President of the institution, however, called in the Negro student(s) and made it clear that they were not to attend. It is up for grabs as to what will happen on the next go around.

The human relations club would be interested in materials, Face of the South, and visiting speakers from SRC or the Virginia Council on Human Relations. Norby had heard of SRC but was unfamiliar with its work, and evidently he was unfamiliar with VCHR. He is an Associate Professor in the

Biology Department. Perry Holt is also in the Biology Department and is active with the Blacksburg Unitarian Fellowship.

I am also told that there is a beginning committee in the community interested in human relations problems. It is my understanding that the local (Blacksburg) Presbyterian minister, the AME minister, and the Professor of Philosophy at VPI compose this committee. Norby feels they would welcome contact from the Virginia Council if such contact does not already exist.

Via knew Holt in Chicago prior to his going to VPI; Holt had been at East Tennessee College. He has many good concerns, some of which he backs up by "biological fact." He is a personal friend, but leaves something to be desired in activating his concerns.

Norby was met by Via for the first time on the evening of April 16. He seems to be a nice enough guy, fairly well grounded. Though he appears to be quiet spoken he seems to be action oriented. I can imagine that he is effective in working with interested students. All of these are first impressions.

EFV:fcl

April 18, 1958

Mrs. D. S. Wheatley
Box 307
Greenwood, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Wheatley:

I will be in Jackson, Mississippi at a meeting on Saturday the 26th of this month, and will stay over until Monday. If you could I would like for you to meet with a small group of us at the Robert E. Lee hotel about 11:00 on Monday. We would certainly appreciate it. Of course the Southern Regional Council will take care of the expenses.

We would like very much to have you with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 18, 1958

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont
Jackson 4, Mississippi

Dear Bess:

I will be in Jackson on Saturday the 26th to be with Mrs. Harvey at Central Methodist Church, meeting with her Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations. I would certainly like to see you and talk with you awhile if you are going to be at home. There is much I would like to talk over with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 18, 1958

Robert E. Lee Hotel
Jackson, Mississippi

Gentlemen:

Please make reservation for me for a single room for Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 26, 27, 28.

I will arrive by plane from Atlanta on the evening of the 26th. Please confirm the reservation.

Sincerely,

MET:c

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

April 18, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats, Director
Christian Social Relations
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

I am enclosing a thermo-fax copy of an AP release in case you may not have seen it. I know you will be happy that one of your councils has been relieved from some of the pressure of the Citizens Council.

Our Southwide workshop this fall will be October 23-24. Of course, I am counting on you. Please make a ring around these dates on your calendar.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

April 18, 1958

Mr. Herbert T. Jenkins
Chief of Police
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jenkins:

Some days ago a Negro woman on the evening shift at the Scripto Plant on Boulevard, came to me and said that every night there are white men in cars attempting to pick up the women. She also stated that her husband and the husbands of other women feel it necessary to come for them at 11:00, the end of their shift, to protect them.

I know you do not want such a thing as this in Atlanta. I appreciate, very much, the services the police force renders Atlanta.

I am in a circle at Haygood Memorial Methodist Church with your sister, Mrs. Dobbs and have had delightful fellowship with her in the church.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 18, 1958

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

I will be in Jackson on Saturday, the 26th to meet with a Methodist group and will stay over Monday. I would like so much to see you if you could possibly come to Jackson Monday, say about 11:00 and meet me at the Robert E. Lee Hotel. Of course, the Southern Regional Council will take care of the expenses. I am asking a few others.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would let me know if you will find it convenient to meet with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 18, 1958

Mrs. Stanley Wilson
2212 - 15th Street
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Catherine:

I will be in Jackson, Saturday through Monday, April 26-28. I am anxious to talk over with you the situation in Mississippi. If you could find it convenient to meet me at the Robert E. Lee Hotel, Monday, the Council would pay your expenses. I hope this is possible.

The AP has given us the story of the resignation of Mrs. Elizabeth Wates as president of the United Church Women of Mississippi. The AP also states that you are the "incoming first vice president" but you were "unavailable for comment." I know it would have been an intolerable position for you to work with one who is the director of the Jackson Citizens Council. I rejoice with you in the resignation. Perhaps a new day is coming to Mississippi.

Let me hear from you, and best wishes.

From,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

April 18, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

I find now that I will be in Jackson, Mississippi on Saturday, April 26. Mrs. Harvey has asked me to speak at the Central Methodist Church in a meeting of the Conference Board of Social and Economic Relations.

I will fly over on Friday and will stop at one of the hotels. I will most certainly like to see you and if you think we could do anything, I would stay over through Monday. Please advise me of what you think about it.

I see from an AP story that the Citisens Council president of the United Church Women has resigned. I suspect you had something to do with this. Maybe a new day is dawning at last.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 21, 1958

Miss Mayme Porter
302 Carr Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Miss Porter:

I am happy to inform you that we are now in a position to confirm your employment with the Council for the summer. We are not able to determine the exact area in which you will work. It is clear, however, that there will be need for additional secretarial help. The salary will be at the rate of $250 per month.

Would you, at your convenience, let us know if you would still like to join us and the approximate date on which we might expect you. As that date draws closer, we will be happy to be of any possible assistance in providing you with information about the Council, the city of Atlanta, etc., etc.

We look forward to having you with us this summer.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 21, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold Fleming
Paul Anthony
Ruth Alexander
Margaret Via

From: Faith Lawson

Re: Fred Routh's and Emory Via's trip to Virginia

This week Fred and Emory are working their way through Virginia trying to make a quick assessment of what is being done in the state to prepare communities for the possibility of desegregation next fall. They hope to talk to key people in the Virginia Council and in organized labor in each of the following areas:

Monday, April 21 -- the Arlington area
Tuesday, April 22 -- Charlottesville
Wednesday, April 23 -- Richmond
Thursday, April 24 -- the Norfolk area

They will return to Atlanta about noon on Friday, April 25th.

The night of Wednesday, April 23rd will be spent with:

Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Via, Sr.
1600 Westwood Avenue
Richmond, Virginia

Otherwise arrangements are somewhat fluid -- but major contacts in each area are:

Monday: Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith, Box 186, Annandale
Tuesday: Dr. David Wilson, 24 E. Range, Charlottesville
Wednesday: Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, Virginia Union University, Richmond
Thursday: Dr. Alonzo Moron, Hampton Institute, Hampton
Mr. Thomas W. Young, Journal and Guide, Norfolk

April 21, 1958

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Box 652
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

Sorry I missed a chance to chat with you when you were through Atlanta recently. I hope another opportunity will arise soon.

As you will see from the enclosures, we have over responded to your request. But I thought you might like to see a roundup of the exchanges between the Council and its critics who have been throwing the smears around. Aside from the issue of the Legion's Firing Line (text and rebuttal enclosed) and its secondary uses, I know of nothing that would have directed the crack pots to you. Of course, there may be something in circulation that we haven't seen.

A word of explanation about the enclosed photostat of the House Un-American Activities Committee's report on you. We came by it through the charges that were made against us to the trustees in charge of Wesley Memorial Building. One of the trustees asked Congressman Davis to get the "official" information on the Council and he supplied a number of sheets like the enclosed on board members of the Council. Not much to them, especially yours, but I thought you would want to see what the House Committee regards as your dossier.

I have been encouraged by the lack of success to date of these attempts to brand the Council and liberal Southerners as communist sympathizers. The charges are so thin and fraudulent that no responsible person who has access to the facts can put any stock in them.

I am glad to have the copies of your two recent speeches, which have just arrived and which I will be reading shortly. I hope you will make it a practice to remember us whenever you do a speech or an article on The Subject.

The very best to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

cc of THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD * House, Thurs. June 13, '57
    Cong. Davis' statement
HCF ltr. to Cong. Davis - June 14, 1957
Info. from files of Committee on Un-American Activities
    for J. C. Davis - May 6, 1957
Paul H. Douglas ltr. to HCF - July 27, 1957
Firing Line Analysis
Chatt. Times Reprint - Nov. 13, 1955 "Next to the News"
    by Alfred Mynders
Francis E. Walter's ltr. to Geo. Mitchell - Aug. 30, 1956
    (Showing SRC to be cleared of charges of subversiveness)
Arthur B. Caldwell, Civil Rights Section - ltr. to Roy Wilkins
    N.A.A.C.P. - April, 1957
NEWS AND COURIER editorial and HCF's ltr. to Waring
    June 28, 1957
The AUGUSTA COURIER Analysis

April 21, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Guy H. Wells, Georgia Council on Human Relations

From: Frederick B. Routh, Southern Regional Council

Re: Job Descpiption

Attached herewith is a rough working draft of the job description for the Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations. This is done in accordance with the request of the Georgia Council's Staff-Personnel Committee.

No pride of authorship is involved: feel free to make any changes you think desirable. We should have a proposed draft to submit to the committee when next it convenes.

Sorry I did not have a chance to discuss this with you before attempting this draft. I felt, however, in the interest of time it might be helpful if I took the first step.

DRAFT

JOB DESCRIPTION

The Executive Director of the Georgia Council on Human Relations shall be charged with the execution of the policies and program of the Council as defined by the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. He shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee. His responsibilities will include, but not be limited to:

1. Program Development. The Executive Director shall work with the Executive Committee and/or the Program Committee in developing meaningful programs and program projects.
2. Program Implementation. The Executive Director, as senior staff member, shall be charged with carrying out, and supervising the carrying out, of programs and program projects developed in cooperation with, and approved by, the Executive Committee and/or the Program Committee.
3. Field Travel. The Executive Director shall engage in such field travel as is required in the implementation of the program. He shall provide staff liaison with affiliates and local chapters as authorized by the state Executive Committee.
4. Staff Supervision. The Executive Director shall be the senior staff member and is charged with the supervision of all staff -- both professional and clerical, permanent and temporary.
5. Information Services. The Executive Director shall prepare or supervise the preparation of all publications of the Council, and supervise the maintenance of information files.
6. Reports. The Executive Director shall be charged with making monthly program and financial reports to the Board of Directors. He shall make quarterly reports to the Southern Regional Council so long as the Georgia

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Council receives financial assistance from SRC. He shall make such other reports as required by the Board or the Executive Committee.

7. Fund Raising. The Executive Director shall assist the Executive Committee and/or the state Finance Committee in the raising of funds necessary to carry out the program of the Council and to maintain the state staff and office.

April 21, 1958

Rev. John Paul Carter
The Canterbury Association
All Saints Episcopal Church
209 West 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Jack:

I am much pleased with your letter of April 14th, and pleased with the news about Jake Seidenberg's interest in your proposals to the President's Committee. I would appreciate any information you may receive of the meeting in Washington on April 14th. I sincerely hope that we may make some progress along these lines.

I have received several letters from members of the Diocesan Committee on Race Relations thanking me for the material and expressing a continuing interest in our materials. I am personally pleased that you think the materials well chosen.

I am not sure when I will next be out Texas way, but when that happy event comes I will certainly let you know in advance and hope that it will be possible for us to get together.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh, but signed in his absence.)

FBR:fcl

April 21, 1958

Dr. Robert K. Carr, General Secretary
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Bob:

As you probably know we reprinted Joe Margolis' article in New South, after receiving permission from the AAUP Bulletin and from Joe. I don't know that his leaving the University of South Carolina is in any way connected with having published the article, but since it originally appeared in the Bulletin I should think the Association would have a high priority interest in ascertaining the facts in the situation.

I have sent a copy of this to Glenn Brooks at the Committee on Government and Higher Education.

Mrs. Tilly, who was on President Truman's Civil Rights Committee and is now in charge of women's work for the Southern Regional Council, sends you her best regards.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh, but signed
in his absence)

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

April 21, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
Commission on Government and
Higher Education
108 W. 39th Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

I am enclosing an article from the Charleston News and Courier which I think may be of interest to you and the Committee. I am also enclosing a copy of New South in which Margolis' articled appeared.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh, but signed in
his absence.)

Enclosures.
FBR:fcl

April 21, 1958

Mr. John R. Scheffer
Route 1, Box 215
Tampa 4, Florida

Dear Mr. Scheffer:

Mr. Fleming has asked me to acknowledge your contribution of $20.00 to the Southern Regional Council.

We are as grateful as can be for this kind and generous gift, and hope that we will continue to merit your support and interest.

Enclosed is the Council's official receipt for your records.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

April 21, 1958

Mrs. Howard Gilliam, Treasurer
Holston Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Box 416
LaFollette, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Gilliam:

Once again, we extend our sincere thanks for the very kind and generous contribution of the Holston Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service to the Southern Regional Council.

Please extend the Council's thanks to the Holston Conference for this gift, and we hope that we will continue to merit their support and interest.

An official receipt for $25.00 is enclosed for your records.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

April 21, 1958

Mrs. Beatrice V. Marion
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Marion:

Here is a rough memorandum for Jack when he returns to the office. As you will see it is based on my informal conversation with two men who were travelling through Atlanta.

The other members of the staff join me in sending our best wishes to all of you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed in his absence)

Enclosure.
EFV:fcl

April 21, 1958

Mr. Michael Bowers
Canterbury Hotel
750 Sutter Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Michael:

The man you wish to see in Chicago is:

Karl P. Meister, Executive Secretary
Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes
740 Rush, Chicago 11, Illinois.

You may wish to use my name: if so, the proper reference is: the son of Dr. Bernard S. Via of the Virginia Methodist Home for the Aged.

You might also wish to be in touch with Leon Despres, who is an Attorney and Chicago Alderman. He is a man of intelligence, culture, and wit, who has had an active interest in civil liberties problems.

You would find my friend Robert Pickus helpful in making suggestions of whom to see and how to get about town. His main concerns these days are pacifist action, India, civil liberties, and social problems, but he is conversant with Chicago and a telephone conversation with him might help make a short stay there much more meaningful in case some of your other appointments fall through.

It was indeed good to know that you and fiancee would get together in New Orleans.

I am sorry that our schedules here at SRC were such that it was difficult for us to get together for proper talks and exchange of information.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

April 21, 1958

Miss Ellen Mitchell
William and Mary College
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Ellen:

This clip was long ago meant to be sent to you. I am sure you have seen it. But here.

Margaret and I would be delighted to have you visit with us if you find that you are coming to Atlanta this summer. Feel free to make us either headquarters or a place for a casual stop.

Our home address is: 116 Ponce De Leon Court, Decatur, Ga. Telephone -- DRake 3-3208.

We trust that all has gone well with you this year, and it would be nice to have a first-hand account of some of the things you have been doing.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed in
his absence)

Enclosure.
EFV:fcl

April 21, 1958

Rev. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209, 121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of April 18th arrived in the office this morning. Unfortunately Fred Routh is out of town for the whole of this week so we are unable to answer your query at the moment. However, I will bring the letter to his attention when he returns and I am sure he will reply as soon as he is able.

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FCL:s

April 21, 1958

Miss Emily Johnson
Secretary to the Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Dear Emily:

I think it would be a good idea if Ben would send his announcement of Charlie Jones' and my availability to the following:

Mr. V. H. "Bill" Williams
Executive Secretary
Arkansas State Federated Labor Council
415 National Old Line Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Mr. Joseph Krislov
Director of Research and Education
Kentucky Federation of Labor
312 Armoury Place
Louisville, Kentucky

Mr. H. S. Brown
Director of Education
Texas State AFL-CIO
214 VFW Building
Austin, Texas

These three state labor bodies have announced their intention of having a summer school.

Perhaps you should raise with Ben the question of how he wants to list me and the other SRC staff members on the AFL-CIO Education Department's listing of available instructors. He will be needing to change his own identification from Trade Union Consultant for the Fund for

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the Republic to Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties etc. We are content to be listed as before, except I think it might be advisable to broaden the subjects which I am listed as able to teach to include Southern Problems, Southern Labor History, and Economic Development of the South.

If Ben should wish it we would be willing to turn in a separate listing for us, but in any case we should let Stuart Brock know soon.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed in his absence)

EFV:fcl

April 21, 1958

Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader
6215 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cadwallader:

I regret so much that your letter has remained unanswered. It is due mostly to the fact that our office has been divided, reconstructed, painted, etc., and your letter was mislaid.

I hope the sheet we are enclosing gives you the answers you need.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Encl.

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

April 21, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N.E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Willie:

Thanks for the clipping on Joe Jenkins' attack on the PTA. Since the attack lacked Legion sanction it may not be possible to do too much about it; but we will pass the information along to our contact on the national level.

I have not had a chance yet to discuss with Harold the possibilities of my coming down for the meeting on May 27th. I think it important that I do so will make efforts in that direction immediately and you will hear from me on it soon.

We have received your March report to the Board of the Florida Council and believe it shows creative activity on your part -- nice going!

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh, but signed in his absence.)

Enclosure: news clipping from Gainesville Daily Sun
FBR:fcl

April 22, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Sometime ago you mentioned working on SRC's request that cases of violence, intimidation, and reprisal be documented. Miss Margaret Price is now in our office and is going through clippings of this type. We would be interested in seeing any clippings you have collected in these categories. If nothing else, you could just mail the clippings to us and we can just check them and mail them back.

There are two cases in which we are rather anxious to get additional material on. One concerns a bus case in Charleston, South Carolina in January of this year. A thermo-fax copy of a *Journal and Guide* article is enclosed, and we would like you to search your files to see if you can locate a clipping from a South Carolina daily concerning the incident and the disposition of the case.

The other case concerns three young Negro girls accused of stoning a school bus near Columbia in 1956. A thermo-fax account is also included.

If you can clarify either of these situations, we would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 22, 1958

Haas and Dodd
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Attn: Mr. Greenfield

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

In reference to our telephone conversation of April 21 concerning the renewal of the Council's Automobile Liability Policy, would you please make the following changes.

(1) Delete those 18 persons now listed in Division 3, "Class 1 Persons"

(2) Insert in Division 3 under "Class 1 persons the following:

Harold C. Fleming
Frederick B. Routh
Emory F. Via
Mrs. M. E. Tilly
John Constable
Paul Anthony
Machion Garrison

(3) Under Division 3, "Class 2 Employees" would you please change the Estimated Average Number from 10 to 4.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 22, 1958

Mr. Eugene W. Sutherland, Organizer
American Federation of State, County,
and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO
1937 Wisteria Street
Baton Rouge 6, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Sutherland:

Both your postcards enquiring about the film "The Face of the South" arrived in our office this morning, and they have been passed to me as Emory Via, our Labor Consultant, is out of town for the whole of this week.

I have checked with the local office of the Anti-Defamation League, the organisation which is handling the distribution and booking of the film for us, and unfortunately all their available copies are already booked for the date you mention, 4th May. The earliest by which they could let you have it would be about 10th May. As the Anti-Defamation League is responsible for handling the film it would be quicker and easier for you to arrange a suitable date if you contacted them direct. The person to whom you should write is:

Mrs. B. Wild
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
41 Exchange Place, S.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia. Telephone -- JAckson 3-1618.

Other persons who might be able to help you obtain a copy of "The Face of the South" are:

Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N.W.
Washington 6, D.C.

Director of Film Distribution
Broadcasting and Film Commission
National Council of the Churches of Christ
in the U.S.A.
220 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, N.Y.

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I believe the Arkansas Council on Human Relations also has a copy, and it might be worth getting in touch with the Executive Director, Mr. Nat Griswold, at 1220 West Capitol, Little Rock, Arkansas.

I am sorry I cannot give you a more satisfactory reply than this, and also regret that we could hot pass your request to the proper quarter sooner. In fact your first postcard (dated April 16) arrived later than your second one (dated April 20) and had been inserted in a plain envelope postmarked "Atlanta, 6.30 p.m., April 21, 1958".

Sincerely,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

FCL:s

Materials Sent:
Research Report
Housing Discrimination
Open Occupancy Housing
"We Refused to Give Up Our Home

April 22, 1958

Mrs. Fred Patterson
2959 Andrews Drive, N. W.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Patterson:

Pursuant to your request by telephone concerning housing discrimination, we are mailing you copies of some material from our files.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:bc

April 22, 1958

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University Office
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Long:

I am mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of the Negro Voter as requested in your letter of April 18.

There is no charge to you for this single copy and I hope to get a packet of additional material off to you soon, with an eye towards the possible use of the material in your Race Relations Institute this summer.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. Reeves Bowen
Mrs. Ilsa Frankel
The Rt. Reverend Joseph B. Brunini
Mrs. Norwood Phelps

April 23, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

Thank you very much for your help in our survey of Desegregation in Waiting Room Facilities. A copy of the findings of our survey will be forwarded to you when published. The observations you forwarded were highly useful to us, and we are grateful for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

VIA AIR MAIL April 23, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Mr. Kytle:

We have made reservations for you at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel for the nights of May 4th and 5th with late arrival on the 4th indicated.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 23, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John Hope:

At long last I have been able to make copies of Will Campbell's memo to you regarding the Dallas effort, and am therefore returning the original to you. I have sent copies to C.H. Parrish and Bonita Valien.

I am also enclosing a carbon copy of Gustave Falk's report to Ed Lukas as the thermo-fax copy I gave you to take away last week was not a very good one.

Fred is out of town all this week -- otherwise I am sure he would send you his best regards.

My own best regards to you.

Cordially,

Faith C. Lawson
Secretary to Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Enclosures.
FCL:s

VIA AIR MAIL   April 23, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

I am glad to report that the research on the fact-finding project is nearing completion. Margaret Price is returning to her home in Virginia at the end of this week, where she will undertake to produce the first draft of the report with all possible speed.

This means that within two or three weeks I should be able to send you a copy of the report in draft form which can be used as a basis for planning a case study treatment of civil liberties violations. Naturally, the clipping files from which these data are drawn will be available for further initial background on the cases considered.

I am hoping that you will be in town and available when I meet with the ADL National Staff next Tuesday. If so, perhaps we can discuss this proposed project further at that time.

I hope all goes well with the Little Rock study and your many other fruitful activities.

All the best until I see you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 23, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Can you lend us a clipping on the Auburn professor who was fired for writing the letter to the Plainsman regarding integration in New York? We need it for Margaret Price's research.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Enclosures: Pages 4, 5, and 6 of Rockefeller Bros. Fund
Request - 12/13/57

Sports Segregation article - *Wall St. Journal*
3/18/58

Wall St. Journal article - 12/17/57 "Segregation Costs..."

Wall St. Journal article - 2/14/58 "Religion & Race..."

April 23, 1958

Mr. Leslie Dunbar
Department of Political Science
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Les:

I am very glad that you are going to be with us this summer.

Your summary of what we are after is exactly right. In order to amplify what I said on the phone, I am enclosing an excerpt from a foundation request and copies of several *Wall Street Journal* stories in which we assisted. I am sending the latter because they represent the kind of approach to vested self interests that we are thinking about.

If I can find any suitable recreational spot for you to house your family, you can be sure I will let you know. That is, if I don't snatch it up myself.

Do let us hear from you if there is any advance arranging within our power that we can do for you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

April 23, 1958

Doctor C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Doctor Parrish:

We are currently attempting to survey existing desegregation of waiting room facilities in Southern states and wonder if you have time to complete and return the enclosed questionnaire with information, based on your observation, regarding policies and practices in Louisville. We are particularly interested in establishing whether a segregated pattern can be broken if desired - for example, if a Negro will be served at a restaurant of counter which seems to be used exclusively by whites if he asks or insists.

Thanks very much for any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 2

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. O. D. Thomas
Mrs. Elmer H. Hook
Mrs. Norman Phelps
Mrs. Flora Supworth
Mrs. R. E. Tomlin
Mrs. A. N. Tissot
Mrs. C. M. Weston
Mrs. D. M. Howard
Mrs. Emmett Johnson
Mrs. Philip Boblacky

April 23, 1958

Miss Mary G. Cain
903 N. 9th Street
Gadsen, Alabama

Dear Miss Cain:

We wonder if our recent questionnaire form concerning Waiting Room Desegregation in Gadsen has escaped your attention. We hope to receive all replies by May 1st, so that a report of your findings can be published in late Spring.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

April 23, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

I have read the draft of "Lift Every Voice" and think it is a very persuasive and eloquent document. This does not surprise me when I look over the list of those composing the working party.

I could only wish that there were some way to shorten the statement. Every part of it is relevant and good, but I am afraid the overall length will limit the readership. I have made no effort to figure out how this could be done, if at all, but perhaps your editorial skills could suggest ways in which it could be condensed or pruned in this way or that.

In any case, certainly we will want to have some copies, the number dependent on what we can scrape up by way of payment.

Although I read the manuscript carefully, I could find almost nothing to disagree with. I did make a fly-speck on page I - No. 2, where there is mention of "5 so-called hard core states" pledged to maintain segregation.

Although we do refer commonly to the five deepest Southern states as the hard core, there are seven (7) states with such a public policy. I realize that the two you have omitted - Virginia and Florida - are not nearly as monolithic as the others. But there is a slight problem arising out of the wording of your statement.

One other fly-speck. On Page III - No. 7, it occured to me that, modesty nothwithstanding, the Service Committee should be mentioned as one of the organizations carrying on major race relations work in the South. We are, of course, pleased and flattered that SRC is included in so brief an honor roll. It's not important, but it would be more accurate to say that we work in 12 Southern states rather than the Southeast.

Do keep me posted on publication plans and the date of availability of the pamphlet.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 23, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thank you for your two recent letters.

We appreciate very much your sending us the names of the liberal Dallasites whom Judge Justine Wise Polier met there recently. When a member of our staff is next in Dallas, we shall be in touch with them.

As to legal advice, our silence to date does not mean that the need has been met. However, the civil liberties question which is pressing us most heavily right now arises from the threat of police action against interracial meetings in Birmingham. What is needed there is not so much legal analysis as advice and possible representation by local legal counsel. We have been in communication with Rowland Watts of ACLU on this matter, but so far it has not been resolved.

As situations come to the fore that call for analysis of legislation, administrative actions, or court rulings, we will no doubt be calling on you. It's good to know that the resources of the American Jewish Congress are available for this purpose.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 23, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for the clippings and for your letter about Joseph Margolis. If you do find out anything further about Margolis's situation, I would appreciate you letting us know. Our main concern is what might be done, if anything, to assist him. For example, if he could use any help in seeking another job, I know that the ADL would be glad to use their network of contacts to help him find something suitable.

I am returning the clipping on Dr. S. C. Mitchell, not because I wouldn't be glad to send it on to George, but because I know he would welcome a note from you and this provides the occasion. His address is Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland, and air mail postage is .15 per half ounce.

I am going to be away all of next week, but I am passing on the word of your annual meeting to Fred and others here. I am rather doubtful that we can be represented on such short notice. But if not, you have our warm good wishes for a highly successful session. I know that Marion Wright will perform surperbly as he always does.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (News clipping on Dr. S. C. Mitchell)

VIA AIR MAIL April 23, 1958

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

As a footnote to our request for aid, transmitted March 5, I enclose two newspaper stories in the preparation of which the Southern Regional Council assisted.

I should like to call your attention particularly to the article from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution which summarizes the national propaganda activities of pro-segregation groups, many of them supported by public funds. This presents a useful overall view of the campaign of mis-information and prejudices which our proposed project would seek to counteract.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: Atl. Journal-Constitution Article - 4/20/58
"Dixie Puts Case for No-Mix in N. Y. Newspaper Ad."

Wall Street Journal Reprint - 12/17/57
"Segregation Costs..."

Sent separately: Changing Patterns...
~~Integration North and South~~
Race and Law Enforcement

April 23, 1958

Mr. Hans Spiegel
Director
Community Tensions Center
Springfield College
Springfield 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Spiegel:

I know of no detailed case study of the employment of Negro policemen in Miami, Florida. But as you probably know, a great many cities have begun this practice, or increased it, within the last fifteen years. Between 1945 and 1954 for example, the totals increased from 29 Southern cities using 134 Negro policemen to 143 cities and 22 counties employing 822.

I am sending you separately two publications of ours which deal with this subject in some degree. One of them - Changing Patterns in the New South - contains other material which may be of assistance to you in planning your case book. You might also want to look at Integration North and South, by Loth and Fleming, the Southern section of which was compiled by the Southern Regional Council.

If there are specific community experiences on which we may be able to supply other information, feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 24, 1958

Mr. Oscar Tarcov, Director
Publications Department
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

We did indeed reprint the two newspaper articles in which you are interested. I am sending you separately 250 copies of each, with our compliments. If you would like more, we can supply them at $1.50 per hundred. (This was our actual cost.)

I am glad that our distribution of these pieces has created some interest in them.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL April 24, 1958

Mr. Charles Hesser
Miami Daily News
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Hesser:

In response to your telegram received this afternoon, I send you the enclosed special report. You evidently got an exaggerated account of its contents. Actually, it contains nothing that a good morgue would not have, but good morgues being few and far between we thought it would be helpful to round up the publicized statements of Southern officials and others who oppose Negro suffrage.

I have asked John Constable to see that you receive such further materials as we may issue from time to time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (SRC Special Report: "The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter")

April 24, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting and Elections
Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

I thought you might like to have a copy of this tabulation of poll tax payments compiled by the State Auditor of Arkansas.

As in the case of our earlier tabulation, poll tax payments are used as a measure of voter registration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

VIA AIR MAIL April 24, 1958

Mr. Harry L. Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I had thought to write you before now, but I've found it unexpectedly difficult to get my ideas into any reasonably brief compass. As it is, this letter will probably be much too long.

First of all, I agree utterly with your Disraelian thesis that what is most needed is communication with the "aristocrats" in terms of their own self-interest. Ideally, this should be undertaken by some conservative group that has a special claim on businessmen and industrialists. But persistent efforts to involve such groups have been made by SRC and AJC, without success. The NPA's Committee on Southern Development wrestled with the idea for a couple of years and finally flunked out completely. So I think we must work through what we have, rather than what we would like to have.

SRC has pondered these problems for some time and has gone so far as to request a major grant that would enable us to pick up at least a part of the job. An excerpt from that request (to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund) might be a relevant preliminary:

> We are all too conscious that the Council's present program is largely devoted to meeting those needs and opportunities that are, so to speak, thrust upon us. This is not surprising, since the demands are many and the Council's staff and resources are limited... Therefore, the Council is heavily involved in necessary work with those who are committed to some degree of preparation for desegregation or action for compliance. Many of our activities have some influence, direct or indirect, on people in decision-making positions who are not so committed. But, under the circumstances, our effectiveness with this group is limited and sporadic; and we know of no organized effort that seeks to do more -- or indeed as much.
>
> There are some signs of increasing receptivity among reasonable white leadership, even in the cities of the Deep South. It is logical to assume that such receptivity may grow as the issue is joined in new areas and the high price of recalcitrance becomes inescapably clear. Hence, we are requesting assistance that will enable us to carry on an intensive and systematic program aimed exclusively at influential leadership...
>
> Appeals to purely moral and democratic principles should be continued and if possible increased, especially by religious leaders. But we do not feel that the power-wielding segment of white leadership is likely to be moved by such advocacy in the short run. The inevitability of desegregation, the need to maintain law and order, threats to the pocketbook, the practical consequences of alternative public policies -- these pragmatic considerations are most likely to move them.

Following are some of the techniques which the SRC is best fitted to use in promoting such communication with the "elite":

1. Consultation. -- We have had experience with bringing respected practitioners together with their counterparts in Southern communities. We have enabled eight local school superintendents and several school board members to draw on the experiences of school superintendents from districts which have successfully carried out desegregation. This technique would be equally useful in the fields of economics, law enforcement, transit desegregation, and changes in other public facilities.

The usefulness of the method, of course, lies in exposing doubtful "gate-keepers" to the reassuring counsel of a professional equal who has actually done the job. The difficulty lies in developing enough local interest and receptivity for the consultant's visit to be worthwhile. It is at this point that more staff effort is needed than the Council has yet been able to provide. The Council's role as an unpublicized middle-man is essential, for two reasons: most local officials are unfamiliar with qualified consultants; also they dare not risk the premature controversy that appropriation of public funds for such a purpose might arouse.

The extent to which this technique can be useful depends entirely on successful prior cultivation of the community leaders in question. We need to enlarge our field staff by at least one, and preferably more, persons who can talk the language of business and governmental leaders.

2. Visitation. -- This is an unsatisfactory term for the reverse of the consultant method -- that is, giving key local officials the opportunity to visit other communities where facilities have been successfully desegregated. This alternative technique has several advantages: (a) It is more palatable to the official who is uneasy about the adverse consequences of bringing an "outsider" into the community to talk about desegregation; (b) it puts the local official into a total setting where the change in question is an accepted reality; (c) it stimulates the local pride -- and thus the "consultant" performance -- of leaders in the community visited; and (d) on a quite practical level, it eliminates the consultant fee.

The Council has had only a limited experience with this technique, principally in the field of law enforcement, but we feel it holds much promise. The demands on Council staff are approximately the same as those mentioned under "Consultation."

3. Conferences. -- We hold no great brief for general-purpose conferences, in which the subject matter or the group itself is diffuse. However, the proposed effort might well call for occasional special-purpose conferences, in which the group is carefully selected, homogeneous in interest, and focused on specific questions of common concern. In most cases, conferences of this sort, whether of educators, police officials, or others, would require the presence of one or more specialists in the field under consideration.

4. Preparation and Distribution of Special Materials. -- All phases of the proposed program need supporting materials especially prepared or assembled. There is, of course, much existing material on desegregation, including that prepared or distributed by the Council itself. Again, however, the job is to assemble what is available, supplementing it as necessary, in order to support the appeal to self-interests, practicality, and law and order. Moreover, working out effective distribution is almost a program in itself -- assembling the names of the right status people throughout the South, negotiating distribution by prestige organizations where possible, etc. Examples:

(a) Materials illustrating the economic stake in compliance with law. There is a growing body of statements by influential Southerners on the danger to the economy of defiance and disorder. There is also documentation on damage to industrialization and marketing of school bonds, disruption of transit services, boycotts and counter-boycotts, loss of national conventions, waste of manpower, loss to the consumer market, and the like. What is needed is the preparation of special publications presenting these facts in persuasive fashion for use in conjunction with consultation, conferences, and in special mailings.

(b) Popular material on principles of police work with minority groups, prevention and handling of mob action. As the Clinton, Nashville, and Little Rock episodes demonstrate, the quality of police action is a vital factor in successful adjustment to desegregation. Southern police forces are generally untrained and inexperienced in the handling of intergroup tensions. Moreover, the police are unusually responsive to community opinion. Material of the kind here proposed could usefully be directed both at police officials and community leaders.

(c) Illustrative case material. In border cities (e.g., Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis) the factors that made for successful school desegregation have been carefully studied and described. The primary factors were educational planning, police procedures, and community preparation. Similar evaluation of the recent experiences in Nashville, Little Rock, and the three North Carolina cities is needed. In this way, other Southern cities can learn by concrete example both the positive and negative lessons of these early experiences. We should like, if possible, to commission specialists who would study the evidence and prepare the final reports.

(d) Finally, some of the articles appearing in periodicals are very effective as program materials. We should like to reprint and give selective distribution to the best of this material.

5. Work with the Press. -- We have had some success in getting the "self-interest" angle played by major publications. The business press, in particular, ought to be steadily plied with appropriate material. Enclosed as examples are copies of articles from the Wall Street Journal, in which the Council was the principal source of leads and facts. We have also worked similarly with Business Week, Fortune, and the business section of the New York Times. Given more staff time and fact-finding, much more of this could be done to advantage.

I have been dealing with the things SRC could do or stimulate. Obviously, there are other approaches. For example, there need to be some hard-headed and well-publicized studies of the economics of present segregationist policies. The potential importance of Negro manpower to the South's continued industrial growth is one factor that needs to be documented in ways that a business man will respect. Also, there needs to be some Northern effort to orient management that has Southern plants or is considering location in the South. We need to develop a role for influential transplanted Southerners who have the right attitudes. But I will have mercy and spare you a lengthy discussion of these and other non-SRC possibilities.

I hope this wordy screed will be of some help. In any case, I am grateful for your efforts to educate our friends the philanthropists.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3 Wall Street Journal Articles:
"Segregation Costs..." - dtd. 12/17/57
"Religion and Race..." - dtd. 2/14/58
"Sports Segregation..." dated 3/18/58

April 25, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: John Hope
C.H. Parrish

From: Fred Routh

I know you are both pressed for time and anxious to know the date of SRC's Executive Committee. It will be an all day meeting on Wednesday, 14th May.

Warm regards.

April 25, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for taking up the cudgel for us with Rowland Watts. I do hope that Angell has in fact written to Arant.

I had occasion to talk with Bob Hughes yesterday. He is to get in touch with Vann and find out what the situation is. I will let you know as soon as he reports.

Your help in this disillusioning affair is, as always, indispensable.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Since I dictated this yesterday, I've had a note from Hughes. It seems Arant left town last Tuesday for a two-week trip. Vann knows nothing of an Angell letter. If the letter was sent very, very recently, it may now be in Arant's mail. More later.

MEMORANDUM April 25, 1958

To: John Constable

From: H. C. Fleming

John, will you please compile as complete a back file of New South as possible and send to:

Harris Wofford
1226 Rebecca Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

If there are any lapses, you might want to wait and check with me again week after next. I might be able to turn up a few of the needed old copies at home.

April 25, 1958

Mr. Harris Wofford
1226 Rebecca Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Harris:

I am glad you found our materials useful as "educational" background, and I am sending you separately six (6) copies of each of the items you mention.

We will also be happy to supply as complete a back-file as possible of New South for the Commission Library. It should be mailed to you sometime next week. I am about to leave town for a week, but as soon as I return, I will follow your suggestion of others who might suitably receive a batch of our materials and a complimentary subscription to New South. This is something we have been intending to do for sometime, so that it will validly appear to be on our own initiative.

I hope to work out a Washington trip in the near future and will certainly consult you in advance as to your availability. Meanwhile, all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 25, 1958

Mr. David Dubinsky
President
International Ladies Garment Workers
Union
1710 Broadway
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Dubinsky:

We have received today ILGWU's contribution to the work of the Southern Regional Council in the amount of $500, and I want you to know how much we value the confidence and support which this contribution represents.

We look forward to a continuing and close association with the ILGWU as we work for our mutual goal of a more democratic society.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 25, 1958

Miss Sheila S. Kelley
Room 311 Senate Office Building (Sen. Javits)
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Kelley:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 1958; and your request for the Council's materials. We have enclosed two copies of a recent special report, "The Move To Disenfranchise the Negro Voter," and two copies of an earlier pamphlet, "The Negro Voter in the South."

As you will note, the special report is nothing more than an attempt to document some of the statements of Southern officials in the attempt to erect barriers to Negro voting.

However, you and your organization may be interested in knowing that the Council is now engaged in preparing an extensive follow-up to its earlier report, "The Negro Voter in the South." The plans for this study are already underway, and research on the project should begin at an early date.

Again, thank you for your interest and with very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 25, 1958

Mr. Frank W. McCulloch
Administrative Assistant to
Senator Paul H. Douglas
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. McCulloch:

Going back to an earlier battle, I thought you might be interested in a few current items on the status of Negro registration.

You may have noticed in the Washington Post some mention of this Council's special report on the deep South trend toward disfranchisement of Negroes. All we undertook to do was to pull together some scattered press reports of public statements by officials and others signifying their intent to impose new barriers to Negro suffrage.

The other two items give county-by-county tabulations for Arkansas and Alabama. The newspaper report on Alabama was compiled by the state's leading political reporter and so should be reasonably reliable. Considering how heavily our 1956 Alabama figures were attacked, it is interesting to observe that the Birmingham News speaks of a large increase in the last two years and still reports an aggregate total smaller than our 1956 estimated total. It would seem that, far from mis-representing Alabama to its disadvantage, our report was much too generous!

I might mention that the Southern Regional Council has just received a grant of $10,000 to enable us to follow-up, in a modest way, the 1956 voter survey. Our hope is that this ongoing assessment will provide useful background for the continuing national concern for full and free exercise of the ballot by all citizens.

With kindest regards to you and to Senator Douglas,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 ("Eligible Voter List..." Birmingham News,
April 20, 1958; Poll Tax Tabulation,
Jimmie Jones - Little Rock, Ark.)

April 25, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting and Election Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

With apologies for this series of almost daily communications, I thought you should have a copy of the enclosed report from The Birmingham News.

Hugh Sparrow, the newsman who compiled these figures, is the most respected political reporter in the state. Thus the figures should be fairly reliable.

I might mention that the Southern Regional Council has just received a grant of $10,000 to enable us to do a modest followup of our 1956 survey of Negro registration and voting. If there are specific types of information that would be particularly helpful to you and your associates, we should be glad to consider them in setting up our fact-finding procedures. Needless to say, any such communication from you would be treated in confidence.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 ("Eligible Voter List May Soar to 900,000",
Birmingham News - Apr. 20, 1958)

April 25, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for sending me the latest bouquet from Marse Waring's Plantation News. This is the best promotion we have had from him yet.

We have noted that spring has sprung and would like to pay a visit to St. Helena's before summer has summed.

The best to all - and I do mean all - of you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 25, 1958

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

I share your enthusiasm for the little tract by Finnis Petty. In fact, I think it is a remarkably good and straight forward sermon, especially for a Texarkana preacher.

If you reproduce it or get a batch of copies from him, we would like to buy a modest supply from you for needs that arise from time to time.

It was good to hear your cotton pickin' voice the other night. As I said then, be not afraid for Fred will be with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 25, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Your letter informing us of the Field Foundation's favorable action on our request, and transmitting payment of the grant in full, pleases us more than I can say. The promptness with which our request was considered and approved gives us all the more reason to be grateful.

I am enclosing our official receipt for this contribution and will see that you receive periodic reports on the progress of the continuing survey thus made possible.

I might add that the grant could not have been more timely. Within the past week, we have had requests for current information on Negro registration and voting from representatives of the Miami Daily News, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Times, the Associated Press, U. S. News and World Report, the Department of Justice, a staff member of the Civil Rights Commission, and two Members of Congress! Had there been any doubt of the need for the continuing survey, these demands would have eliminated them.

I feel certain that the effectiveness of the project will justify the confidence and generosity of the Field Foundation.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Official Receipt; Special Report on "Moves to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter")

April 25, 1958

Mr. Myles Horton
Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

Dear Myles:

About a year and a half or two years ago, the Georgia Council on Human Relations received a letter of inquiry from one Susie Greene of Wadley, Georgia. She wanted to know about the Georgia Council's program and what she might do individually in the field of race relations. She was sent the appropriate information and invited to associate herself with an interracial group in Augusta - about 30 miles away, I believe. I have been unable to find any further record of Miss Greene's interest in this field.

I am going to be away for the next ten days, but I am asking Paul Anthony to check with a few knowledgeable people the first of next week. If he finds out anything about Miss Greene's bonafides, he will let you know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Thermo-fax copy of article in Birmingham News 4-20-58, "Eligible voter list may soar to 900,000."

April 25, 1958

Mr. Ed Cony
Wall Street Journal
Burnett Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Ed:

Thought you might be interested in this.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 25, 1958

Washington Post Times-Herald
Circulation Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Please mail the Southern Regional Council a copy of the April 24, 1958, issue in which we understand an article concerning the Southern Regional Council was included.

Enclosed is twenty-five cents in coins for payment, if there is additional payment, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encl.

April 25, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Here are the latest communications on the report, clippings from Alabama, and the South Carolina card speaks for itself.

Incidentally my private duty nurse has the mumps and so you might say I have double exposure, both mumps and measles now. Bill is fit to be tied.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls.

P.S. You should have stayed down, the Field Foundation just gave us $10,000 for the continued survey on voting.

April 25, 1958

Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.
House of Representatives
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Diggs:

Thank you for your letter of April 24, 1958; and your request for the Council's special report. We are mailing you two copies of this special report and two copies of the earlier pamphlet, "The Negro Voter in the South."

As you will note, the special report, "The Move To Disenfranchise the Negro Voter," is nothing more than an attempt to document the moves and statements of Southern officials whose aims are to raise barriers to Negro voting.

However, you may be interested in knowing that the Council plans an extensive follow-up to its earlier report, "The Negro Voter in the South." The plans for this study are already underway, and research on the project should begin at an early date.

Again, thank you for your interest and with very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Encls.

April 25, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Enclosed is a copy of Max Hahn's welcome letter received today. As I believe I told you, this was the only activity (and, roughly, amount) for which Hahn showed any receptivity at all.

Certainly the continuing survey of registration and voting is much needed, and the promptness with which the grant came through was gratifying.

The very best to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 25, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Project Director
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Paul:

I note from the last minutes of the CCD Mass Media Committee that there are several items which they wish us to consider at the Southern Interagency Conference. They want our views on:

1. "What things we think are most necessary in relation to preparing articles for the Mass Media in terms of helping to ease the situation in those cities which will be facing desegregation in September."

2. What time is available on radio and TV stations in the South and what kind of material on desegregation would be desired from the National Mass Media Committee staffers. (They say they might be able to prepare sample radio-TV formats for panel discussions if they were desirable.)

3. It would be helpful if the interagency groups in the South could develop joint local mailing lists in the various Southern cities of influential persons in that community that should receive selected literature. It also would be useful if agencies could alert their Southern members to write letters favoring desegregation, not only to their local Southern

papers but also to such papers as the New York Times and Washington Post.

You might want to consider these things for the agenda. I am sure I needn't remind you to provide for a progress report on the joint-fact-finding effort co-sponsored by seven (7) of the agencies.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

April 28, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Ferguson
267 Newport News Avenue
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ferguson:

Mrs. E. V. Ennis, Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild in Norfolk, has suggested that you might be interested in receiving publications of the Southern Regional Council. We are ~~enclosing~~ a sampling of our materials for your use and information. forwarding under Separate cover

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 14

THe Angry South
Publication Listings
Next Steps in the South
The Negro Voter in the South
Leaders in South Act to Ease Bias - Reprint(N. Y. TIMES)
Segregation Costs - Reprint (WALL STREET JOURNAL)
The Southern Negro - Reprint (N. Y. TIMES)
NEW SOUTH, March 1958 andFebruary 1958
The Churches Speak
Religion & Race (WALL STREET JOURNAL)
Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision
The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter
Pro-Segregation Groups inthe South

April 28, 1958

Mr. George McMillan
Box 299
Aiken, South, Carolina

Dear George:

I am interested in your letter of April 21 but have not been able to figure out how to give you a helpful reply. In the first place, I am not clear enough about your approach to the subject to know what would buttress your program. In the second place, I suspect this is something we would need to talk about if I were going to make a worthwhile contribution.

I am going to be out of town all next week and will be back in the office on Monday, May 5. If this is not too late and you have specific questions that I might respond to out of my head or out of the files, I will be glad to do it.

It is now definite that Les Dunbar will be with us this summer. I am very happy about it, and am grateful to you for suggesting the possibility to him.

Regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM

April 28, 1958

To: Members of the Executive Committee

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, we are scheduling the meeting for that date to be held in the SRC Conference Room, beginning at 10:00 A. M. and ending at approximately 4:00 P. M.

If this date was not your choice, would you please let us know, at your convenience, whether or not you will be able to attend. If there are arrangements which we can make for you, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

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Sent to:
G. T. Hamilton
Duncan Hunter
Paul Williams
B. R. Brazeal
John Griffin
Josephine Wilkins
John Hope, II
C. H. Parrish

April 28, 1958

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

I am happy to report that your preference of dates for the Executive Committee Meeting, Wednesday, May 14th, is the choice of the majority. Therefore, the meeting will commence at 10:00 A.M. on May 14th here at the SRC office. Adjournment will probably be around 4:00 P. M.

If there are any arrangements we can make for you, please let us know. We are happy that this occasion will give you an opportunity to see our offices and meet the rest of the staff.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. We are sorry this is not your first choice, but we note, again, that the 14th is agreeable to you.

Approximately the same schedule will be followed as for the January meeting; commencing at 10:00 A. M. here at the office with adjournment around 4:00 P. M.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. The meeting will commence at 10:00 A. M. here at the SRC office and will end at approximately 4:00 P.M.

We sincerely regret that this date is not your first choice. However, we do hope it will be possible for you to be with us on the 14th since, in addition to the meeting, we are anxious to have you visit our offices and meet all the members of the staff.

If there are any arrangements we can make for you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, we are scheduling the meeting for that date, and following approximately the same schedule as that of the January meeting; commencing at 10:00 A. M. in the SRC Conference Room, ending at approximately 4:00 P. M.

Prior to that date we will, of course, send you a suggested agenda for your suggestions and approval.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director - AFL-CIO
215 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, we are scheduling the meeting to be held here in the SRC office, commencing at 10:00 A. M. and ending at approximately 4:00 P. M.

Unhappily, this date does not coincide with either of your choices. And, we certainly do not suggest that you attempt a round trip drive in one day! However, if it is possible for you to be away, overnight we hope that you can make the meeting.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

The great majority of the members of the Executive Committee have selected Wednesday, May 14th as their choice for the forthcoming meeting. Therefore, we are scheduling the meeting for that date to be held at the SRC office, following approximately the same schedule as the January meeting; beginning at 10:00 A. M. and ending at approximately 4:00 P. M.

We note, unhappily, that this does not coincide with your preference of dates. However, we hope that you will be able to be with us. If there are any special arrangements such as transportation to and from the airport, which will help to make it possible for you to be here, we will be happy to make them.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

April 28, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This will confirm our telephone conversation of several days ago. The forthcoming Executive Committee meeting will be held at the SRC office on May 14th, commencing at 10:00 A. M. and ending at approximately 4:00 P. M.

Before that time we will send you a proposed agenda for your suggestions and approval. If there are any arrangements you would like to have us make for you, please let us know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/md

April 28, 1958

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

Harold, who is out of the city until May 3rd, has asked me to express his regrets that he will be unable to attend the meeting of the Board of Directors on May 1st.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

a.T.

VIA AIR MAIL April 28, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

We will indeed keep you informed on the Birmingham situation. Bob Hughes knows of your interest and will probably be in touch with you. So far, the group has resumed its meetings without incident, but I do not think we can assume that they will remain unmolested.

Dr. Smith's case was a difficult one, I know, for the Committee to consider. I can readily understand the Committee's final decision on the matter.

I am glad to have a chance to give you my views, for what they are worth, on the dirth of Southern cases coming to your attention. I still think your conclusion of a year ago was correct, and that there may well be a considerable increase of cases within the purview of the Rights of Conscience. Things have been quiet recently, mostly because no issues have been joined with in recent months. However, the calm is probably that before the storm. As you know, a number of communities are facing possible court-ordered change in September. Meantime, the states of the lower South are sharpening their axes and eyeing the integrationists of both races as a cat eyes a mouse.

In short, if you are not under any great pressure to expend the remaining funds of the Project quickly, I would strongly urge that you sit tight and hold these funds in reserve. If events follow the course that I fear they may in my more pessimistic moments, the Rights of Conscience Program may find itself with more business than it can handle. If this happens, I would still hope that the obvious needs would create sufficient interest in your program to make its continuance possible.

I take it from your letter that you may well be under some obligation to expend the funds within the next few months. If that is the case, please drop me another note and all of us here will pitch in and try to offer some useful suggestions.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY April 29, 1958

Dr. Kenneth Clark
Psychology Department
City College of New York
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Clark:

This is to follow up Harold Fleming's earlier conversations with you concerning your report on Little Rock.

In the interest of time, I have been asked to make several minor changes and suggestions for shortening the report for our purposes. This I have done as you will see from the enclosed thermofax copy of your original report. We would like to have your opinion of these changes and hope that you will feel free to add, delete, revise or otherwise comment on both our suggestions and your report. Perhaps the single greatest change is the suggestion that we end the report with the two paragraphs from your letter, also enclosed. This, I would particularly like to have your opinion on since I feel these are paragraphs of considerable value, and make points which should be made.

The Report will not receive general distribution. It will be sent to a limited number of those agency people, sympathetic newspapermen and others whom we feel would benefit considerably from your observations. The report will bear the notation, "Not for Publication or Quotation Without Permission."

If you will return the thermo-fax copy to us with any suggestinns cr changes, we will attempt to issue the report at once. We feel that the report is of considerable value and are anxious to have it ready for distribution as soon as possible. Harold is out of the office all of this week. He returns on Monday, May 5th and we hope, if your schedule permits, to issue the report later in the week.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - (Thermo-faxed copy of Little Rock Study)

April 29, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear M.A.W.:

During Harold's absence I have read your letter to him with the enclosed letter and your telegraphed reply. While we both await his mature judgment on the point, I hasten to add my advice.

I firmly believe that your voice would add reasonableness and responsibility to the side of progress.

Nothing could be more impressive than an Adlai Stevenson with a Southern accent. You are my candidate for that title.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

April 29, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director - Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ruthenburg:

In reference to your earlier exchange of correspondence on Negro employment, Harold Fleming thought you might be interested in the enclosed article from the Wall Street Journal of April 25th.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Wall Street Journal Article - "Slump's Social Impact - Recession Spurs Crime...")

April 29, 1958

Mrs. Mildred M. Jeffrey
c/o United Auto Workers - CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Millie:

It was a real pleasure to get to know you and I enjoyed talking with the Greater Detroit Religion and Labor Conference.

I am enclosing two items: (1) the Annual Report of the Southern Regional Council; and (2) my expense account for the trip to Detroit - with ticket stub attached.

Your name has been added to the "gift" subscription list of New South, our monthly publication.

Thanks for the words of encouragement. All good wishes to you and the UAW-CIO.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures 2 (Annual Report, 1957; Expense Account Sheet)

April 29, 1958

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"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

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Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

April 29, 1958

Mrs. C. N. Cadwallader
6215 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Cadwallader:

Mrs. Tilly thought you might be interested in this, and requested that I mail it to you.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Encl.(Pamphlet, "The Bible Speaks on Race")

Materials sent:

New South (1955, '56, '57, '58)
Three Views
What the Supreme Court Said
Next Steps
Public Ethics and the Integration Question
Publication Listings (25)
Special Reports:
    Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
    The Move To Disenfranchise The Negro Voter
    Report on Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, N. C.
    Religious Bodies and the Supreme Court Decision
    Report on Nashville, Tenn.

April 29, 1958

Mr. Mark A. Smith, Administrator
Civil Rights Division
Bureau of Labor
1216 S. W. Hall Street
Portland 1, Oregon

Dear Mr. Smith:

Mr. Fleming is out of the city and will not be back in the office until May 5, and so I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, some of the Council's publications for your display material.

We do appreciate your interest in the Council's work and in the Human Relations field in general.

When you have had a chance to look through this material, you might have additional suggestions. If so, please do not hesitate to write us.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM April 29, 1958

To: SRC Board Members

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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The receipt of a particularly welcome grant provides a suitable occasion for me to bring you up to date on the Council's record of financial support thus far in 1958.

We have just received a grant of $10,000 from the Field Foundation in support of a continuing survey of Negro registration and voting in the South. This will enable us to follow-up, in a modest way, our highly successful survey of Negro suffrage, the results of which were published last year. As you know, this is a critical area of civil rights in the South today and is the center of great national attention and concern. With the creation of the Civil Rights Commission and the new Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, the contribution of an established organization like SRC becomes more important than ever. Therefore, we know that you will share our feeling of gratification in this special grant from the Field Foundation.

Following is a list of the other sources which have pledged or made contributions to the Southern Regional Council thus far in 1958. The amount of the grant and the purposes for which it was made is noted in each case. We have several other substantial requests to foundations now under consideration. I shall keep you advised of further favorable action.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

Income - 1958*

Source	Amount	Purpose
Fund for the Republic	$ 76,800	General Support
N. Y. Fund for Children	7,500	General Support
Aaron Norman Fund	5,000	Interagency Effort
William C. Whitney Foundation	5,000	General Support
Christopher Reynolds Foundation	5,000	General Support
New York Foundation	5,000	General Support
Chace Fund	5,000	General Support
Phelps-Stokes Fund	2,000	Women's Work
John Hay Whitney Foundation	2,000	Women's Work
Ella Lyman Cabot Trust	2,000	Women's Work (through SRC, not SRC Program)
Sigmund Silberman Foundation	400	General Support
Edgar Stern Family Fund	100	General Support
A. F. L.-C. I. O.	1,000	General Support
International Ladies Garment Workers	500	General Support
United Steelworkers	1,000	General Support
Div. of Nat'l. Missions of the Board of Missions, The Methodist Church	1,000	General Support
WDCS - The Methodist Church	1,200	General Support
General Board of Education, The Methodist Church	300	General Support

SRC Income - 1958
Page Two

Name Source	Amount	Purpose
Board of Church Extension, Presbyterian Church, US	250	General Support
Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.	250	General Support
Total:	$ 121,300	

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*As of April 28, 1958 - excluding individual contributions and office related income.

MEMO TO HCF

FROM MM

April 29, 1958

Regarding Mr. Lader's inquiry about the fee system in Georgia, we are attaching copies of clips reporting legislation designed to change this system which was introduced but not passed in the recent General Assembly. HB 910 - To change the fees of constables - and HB 912 - To change the fees of justices of the peace - did pass. Mr. Lader could obtain copies of them from the office of the Clerk of the House.

Although there probably have been cases of fee collections of an exorbitant amount, I doubt that they would have been kept in our clip files. John suggests that Mr. Lader write the AAA - they have been concerned with the speed trap problem, and in all probability have literature on the subject.

April 30, 1958

Mr. Lewis E. Durham
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Durham:

Thanks for your letter of April 25 confirming my appearance at the Methodist Youth Convocation at Lake Junaluska, July 21-25. I am looking forward to being with you and to working with the adult workers on the topic of "Helping Youth Face the Economic Problems of the South."

I would appreciate receiving copies of the proposed program and other materials related to the Convocation when they are ready.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:mf

MEMORANDUM April 30, 1958

To: HCF
FBR
JC
PA

From: Emory F. Via

Ruby Hurley reported to me on April 28 that the Attorney-General of Alabama has now cited the Alabama Coordinating Association on Registration and Voting. It has been cited as the NAACP under a different name as I understand it. I have not seen any other reference to this item and thought you would be interested to hear this.

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April 30, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

About two weeks ago Bob Hughes, director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, went to register to vote. One question on the form was: "Are you willing to take up arms in defense of your country, and if not state why?" Bob answered, "No, I cannot in conscience do violence to any child of God." Bob said in a note to me, "The registrar after examining my answers stated, 'You answered this one wrong, I can't register you. Nobody should have a voice in shaping the Constitution, who is not willing to defend it.' He said this was based upon some Federal Court decision. Have you ever heard of any such thing as this before? It goes without saying my application was turned down."

Since this is a Southeast C. O. matter, I thought you would be interested. Your suggestions would be welcome; I'm afraid that I am sufficiently out of touch with the cases and rulings that I would have to do a good bit of digging to come up with a sensible answer.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

April 30, 1958

Mr. Robert Pickus
4522 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Bob:

A recent letter from Bob Hughes, director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, reveals that he has been refused the right to register to vote. One of the questions on the form was: "Are you willing to take up arms in defense of your country, and if not state why?" Bob answered, "No, I cannot in conscience do violence to any child of God." To this the registrar responded, "You answered this one wrong, I can't register you. Nobody should have a voice in shaping the Constitution, who is not willing to defend it." He indicated that this was based on some Federal Court decision.

If this is a matter which the top of your head can handle either by answering or directing me to the most likely sources, I would appreciate it. I hate to admit how rusty I am and I can't find time to do the digging for myself.

Love to you and Sarah.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

April 30, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Your letter of April 11 has had a good bit of attention and some action. I am sorry to be so late in responding to it personally, however.

I have made a move or two to get information regarding your voting situation. I am sorry to be so out of touch as not to have a reasonably authoritative answer on the top of my head. I will pass such information as I may get on to you immediately.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

April 30, 1958

Bishop W. R. Wilkes
643 Hunter Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Bishop Wilkes:

Some days ago, one of the Hampton women, a member of our Methodist Church came to me with this story; there is an A. M. E. Church in Hampton that is almost falling down. It is unused and the doors are gone. Children play in the building and there is danger that the belfry may fall on them. It has become an eyesore to the little town.

There has been threats by people of ill will to burn it or tear it down. The woman that came to me is afraid if this threat is carried out, it might be the beginning of some serious things. She feels that the A. M. E. Church, itself, should tear the building down and certainly no ill responsible people.

what does this mean?

I promised to call this to your attention. The contact person in Hampton is Mr. A. N. Mitcham at the Post Office.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

April 30, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I have just returned to the office after an extensive trip in the field. This will serve as a reply - if not an answer - to your two letters dated April 18th and 29th.

You asked about The Christian Freedom Foundation in New York. Apostles of Discord, a book about "Protestant fringe groups promoting hate and disruption," has much to say about the Christian Freedom Foundation. In brief, it is an extremely conservative organization which equates liberal theology or thought with socialism or communism. Its director is Howard E. Kershner who was once active with the Quakers, but he has repudiated pacifism. Percy Greaves is the Foundation's "Consulting Economist" and once assisted the "Constitution Party" which proposed General MacArthur for President. In spite of the Foundation's somewhat unsavory reputation, "more than fifty clergymen - many of them distinguished - served on the Foundation's board of directors," according to Apostles of Discord.

I read your letter to Thelma Babbitt with some interest since it was I who suggested she write you. While I recognize that $15 seems high, I really believe that I get much more than that from NAIRO - that is why I have urged all State organization professional staff to join.

Finally, I agree that we need to get State staff together more often. We are giving consideration to how this may best be done.

All good regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

April 30, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

Your column in this morning's Constitution is excellent.

We would like very much to reprint it in our magazine, New South, for the May issue. We will appreciate any consideration in this matter.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 1, 1958

Miss Mayme Porter
302 Carr Dormitory
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dear Miss Porter:

We, too, regret that you will not be with us for the summer. However, it is indeed a valid change of plans and our congratulations to the gentleman.

Our most sincere good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 1, 1958

Mr. Barbee William Durham
70 Auburn Avenue
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. Durham:

Because of an extended absence from the office Mr. Routh has asked me to reply to your letter of April 21st.

He wishes you to know that he does plan to be in Columbus for your meeting on May 18th. However, it now looks as if it will be impossible for him to come to Columbus on the evening of the 17th. If at all possible, he now plans to fly from Lexington to Columbus on the morning of the 18th and to leave that evening to return to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 1, 1958

Miss Donna Wynings
9 Turkey Hill Road
Bloomfield, Connecticut

Dear Miss Wynings:

In reply to your letter of April 18th, which we received today, we are forwarding under separate cover several booklets which may prove of value to you, although they were published some years ago. If you wish to do further research, you will find it helpful to refer to a book by Margaret Just Butcher, The Negro in American Culture. Alain Locke's books will also be helpful; The New Negro, edited by Mr. Locke and published in 1925, is a particularly useful source.

We are enclosing an invoice for the amount due on our publications, and hope that they will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosures: America's Tenth Man
Singers in the Dawn
The Negro in Our Economy
Publications List

May 1, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

We are in the process of securing the information on federal employment in Atlanta and of doping out the best way to secure similar information elsewhere.

The only approach that makes sense is to have a knowledgeable person in each community sound out someone who is responsive and familiar with each agency. We feel that a direct survey of the agencies would be unproductive.

I plan now to be in contact with persons in about eight cities other than Atlanta. These would include Richmond, Charlotte, Miami, Birmingham, New Orleans, Dallas, Nashville and Louisville. This would give a good scatter and include deep South and border states. I do not hold out any promise of complete reports on all these places.

If the persons we hope to have do the updating in Atlanta can get to work soon we should have that report in a matter of ten days. Those of us who have looked the 1956 report over feel it holds true for now with the addition of changes in the post office.

It would aid me some to know what kind of a deadline you want us to meet. My feeling is that this information needs to be quite reliable and representative of any locality we look at. This probably means it will take a few weeks to get it pulled together.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/pa

May 1, 1958

Mrs. O. D. Thomas
P. O. Box 2523
University, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Because of an extended absence from the office Fred Routh has asked me to write you concerning George Weir.

We do know Mr. Weir, think very highly of him, and are most conscious of the tragedy of his being unable to find employment. Unfortunately, there are no openings in the Council which would allow us to make use of his skills. We have given considerable thought to this matter and, in fact, have Mr. Weir's vita sheet on file. On occasion we have circulated this information to others in the hope that an opening might come to light.

I know this information is of little consolation and I deeply regret that it cannot be more encouraging. We are grateful to you for calling this situation to our attention.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 1, 1958

Mrs. Jack Yulman
Nashville Community Relations Conference
P. O. Box 1002
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Yulman:

Because of an extended absence from the office Mr. Routh has asked me to reply to your letter of April 26th.

He wishes you to know that he appreciates being informed of the change of plans and that he will be most happy to be with your group in the fall.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

May 1, 1958

Mr. John R. Parrish, Jr.
Chief Librarian
The Nashville Tennessean
Nashville 1, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Parrish:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 1958, concerning our Special Report. We are placing your name on our mailing list for future reports and for our monthly publication New South.

We hope this material will be of some aid to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

FINANCIAL STATUS OF CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM
May 1, 1958

Balance, January 1, 1958			$ 3,432.38
DISBURSEMENTS			
Direct Supervision:			
Fees	$ 1,201.67		
Travel	628.26	$ 1,829.93	
Consultants:			
Fees	490.00		
Travel	645.33	1,135.33	
Total Disbursements			$ 2,965.26
Balance, May 1, 1958			$ 467.12

25 copies "The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter"
mailed 5/1/58 - under separate cover.

May 1, 1958

Mr. John W. Davis
112 Reade Street
Englewood, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Davis:

In Mr. Fleming's absence your letter of April 29th has been called to my attention.

Under separate cover, we are sending you twenty-five (25) copies of the Council's special report, "The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter."

There is no charge for this material since we are sure you will see that the reports are well used.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 1, 1958

Mr. Joe Glazer
Education Director
United Rubber Workers
Mill and High Streets
Akron, Ohio

Dear Joe:

This is just a reminder of my availability for summer institute work. Aside from racial problems, problems of the South and the developing Southern economy, we have a good bit more material in hand regarding Southern labor history.

Let me know if I can be of any assistance in your May school or others.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/hs

May 2, 1958

The Charlottesville Daily Progress
Charlottesville, Virginia

Gentlemen:

We would like to subscribe to the Daily Progress for a one month period, effective immediately.

Please bill and send to the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:blc

May 2, 1958

The *Washington Post*
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like to subscribe to the *Washington Post* for six months, effective immediately.

Please bill and send to the Southern Regional Council, 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Room 432, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Materials sent separately: Negro Voter in the South
SRC Annual Report, 1957
South of Promise
Two issues of New South
(February and March/1958)
Next Steps in the South
Congressional Record Reprint
Publications Listing - SRC

May 2, 1958

Mr. Lyne Few
Chief of Leader Branch
State Annex No. 2
1910 "K" Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Lyne:

It was very good to talk with you even briefly by phone in Washington the other day. I'm sorry that my schedule prevented our getting together. Margaret and I are still hoping for a few days in Washington when business is not in the forefront.

Under separate cover I am sending you some materials about the Council and a few of our publications. If there is anything more or different which you feel would be helpful for you to have, just ask.

We have a good bit of contact with Ernst Linde of the Governmental Affairs Institute since he frequently channels folk our way.

Best wishes to Ellen and family, and trust that a get-together is not too far away.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

116 Ponce De Leon Court
Decatur, Georgia
May 2, 1958

Fairfax Citizens' Council
Route 2, Box 592
McLean, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

On a recent trip into my home state of Virginia, I saw a copy of your publication, "The Shocking Truth About Northern Virginia's Parent-Teacher Groups".

Due to my interest in Virginia and even in some of the organizations which are mentioned in your report, I would like to have about ten copies if you can supply me with them.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL May 2, 1958

Mr. Baer Frimmer
Pictorial Features
130 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Frimmer:

We have given considerable thought to your request for photos and, as promised, here are the results:

(1) Our own office reveals nothing suitable. However, we may be able to follow-up with with pictures on Monday.

(2) We have called Mr. Tartt Bell, director of the American Friends Service Committee, High Point, North Carolina, who believes that he can help us. He is to send you a collection of photographs this afternoon. We have not seen them, of course, but I suspect that they will be of help to you.

(3) We have contacted Mrs. Ruby Hurley, director of the Southeast Office of the NAACP. She has nothing. However, she feels that the New York office of the NAACP might well have. That office is supposed to have undertaken a project of collecting the type of photographs you need. A call to them might help.

(4) If you still need new sources, you might try Mr. Thomas Young, publisher of the Norfolk Journal and Guide. The Journal and Guide has an excellent collection of

photographs some of which should be usable. Most of them are news service photographs and the like and clearance for their use might cause you some problem.

If we are able to come up with anything else you will hear from us. I am sorry that our efforts have not been more productive but if we can be of further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 2, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

Enclosed is a current statement of receipts and disbursements of the Consultant Service Program I promised to send you prior to your annual board meeting the middle of this month.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

Materials sent separately: Negro Voter in the South
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(February and March/1958)
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May 2, 1958

Mrs. Linnea Anderson
5658 S. Blackstone Avenue
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Linnea:

How very nice it was to see you in Atlanta. We are sorry the visit was so short but very happy to have had a chance to catch up on Hyde Park and the Andersons.

Under separate cover I am sending you the long promised materials on the work of the Council. Let me know if any of our other materials would be of interest to you. I would guess that you and Doug would be especially interested in the use that Paul Douglas made of some of our materials. We still have occasion to be in touch with Frank McCulloch.

Margaret and I are wishing wistfully for a trip to Chicago before summer is out. It will take great luck to get us there.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 5, 1958

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi:

Thank you so much for meeting with us last Monday. We certainly needed you. I hope you made your bus all right. Enclosed you will find the check for your fare.

I was glad that Mr. Cox joined us for lunch. I tried to get him to go with us to the Bishop's office, but he said he might embarrass someone. I am distressed that he has this complex. He needs you and all of us to boose his morale.

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Our meeting at the Bishop's office was most worthwhile to me. Rabbi, you have certainly made your place in Mississippi. With different people at different times, your name came into their conversation and it was with reverence and regard.

With the best of wishes to you and Mrs. Mantinband, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/rha
Enclosure (Check $7.50)

May 5, 1958

These are Minutes of the May 24-25, 1957 Consultants Conf.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

The Consultant's Conference
Atlanta, Georgia

INTRODUCTION

The Southern Regional Council called together its panel of consultants and a distinguished group of social scientists to evaluate the record of the Consultant Service Program and to suggest next steps.

Participants were divided into four groups; consultants and "guests" almost equally divided among all four.

The following reports have been condensed but they contain the most important points discussed in each group. In language and style, they retain the flavor of the full reports.

GROUP I

Group I was given the task of trying to come up with answers to the following questions: (1) what is the most effective role of the Consultant Program within the frame of reference of SRC's operation? (2) what are workable definition, scope, and assumptions for such a program? It was agreed that the most serious obstacle to the transition from a segregated to a non-segregated society is the activity of state and local government agencies designed to prevent or delay this transition. Of course, there are obvious hazards in attempting to deal with this obstacle within the framework of SRC's operation. However, it would seem possible for a group of skilled, sophisticated and knowledgeable consultants to present information to community groups that would be relevant to this problem without jeopardizing SRC's tax exempt status. For example, the percentage of Negroes who are registered in the various states and the various communities; the percentage of Negroes who, after registering, do not vote; and techniques used to keep Negroes from registering and voting. But even such a modest approach as this may well arouse higher resentment and invite attack from those who now control the political structure in much of the South.

It was the feeling throughout the discussion of this point that we cannot expect any strategy to guarantee the agency or individual involved in it, immunity from attack unless the strategy be ineffective and inaccurate.

These considerations raised many questions; among the most important of which was the need for clarifying the procedures for operational contact with community groups. It is not enough that we have contacted community groups, we are now at the point where we have to find out how to have meaningful contact with community groups.

To answer such questions as these, SRC might think of developing a pilot project in a selected community in which it would work out such technical problems as the way in which you translate a program on paper into an actual community activity. The success of such a pilot operation would be self-advertising. Other communities would hear about it and request similar types of services. This further suggests a re-examination of the policy of making consultant services available to communities only on their invitation. Perhaps in the near future, there will be need for a more aggressive promotion of the consultant services to communities - letting communities know that it is available and subtly suggesting that under certain circumstances it can be used.

An additional thought here is that the consultant service could be used in some kind of quiet liaison with specific groups that thus far have not been identified with racial problems as such, but have been identified in the public's mind with problems of extending democracy. For example, such groups as the League of Women Voters, organized labor, and groups of professional educators of various disciplines such as Sociology and Psychology.

The second obstacle which was recognized as important was the increasing blockage in communications. It was felt that this was not accidental, but that the rigidity and the lack of communication among various groups in the community on the issue of desegregation might be an effective manipulative technique on the part of those who desire to evade the process of desegregation as long as possible.

The suggested role of consultants which emerged from the discussion of this point was that consultants should explain to the groups with whom they work the techniques which have been found effective in facilitating communication even under conditions of deliberate blockage; the consultants could pinpoint the priorities among the various groups in which communication should be established and the most effective ways of initiating it. Second, it was felt that the consultants could play a role in analysing and explaining to the groups with whom they work the basis, the genesis, and the function of blocked communication. This is based on the assumption that such understanding will make for more effective amelioration.

A third suggestion was that the consultant program itself, its machinery and its procedures, could be used as a basis for increasing communication. In this regard it was thought that a new look should be taken at the present procedure of using consultants to meet with a "closed" group of individuals where the nature of their activities is pretty much limited to that group. It was suggested that some modification of this be considered whereby the presence of the consultants in a community, under certain circumstances, might be publicized in an appropriate and effective way. By reaching directly a large number of individuals in the community, much of the spadework could be facilitated and the desired change in community attitudes might be brought about more quickly.

Another way in which it was thought the consultants might be useful in attacking this particular problem is in providing specialized services to indigenous community leaders - specialized public relations services, or public education services particularly in the area of public announcements, speeches, helping them when requested, to determine what should be said, when, how, and how strongly. It was felt that many of these groups are badly in need of the kind of specialized public relations help and strategy which we might be able to provide them under certain conditions. In this regard it was also suggested that the consultant program of SRC should probably look to the possibility of inviting specialists from the mass media in public relations to a conference or to some kind of relationship with SRC. This could be a source from which to draw this kind of highly specialized professional knowledge of communication with community groups.

The rationale of all these specific suggestions, was that of trying to develop some approach, some technique, for wresting the propaganda initiative from the opposition, as far as possible. It was felt that this could not be done by a passive, defensive appraach; it seems essential to think more imaginatively about an appropriate, aggressive, effective information program.

It was felt that another current obstacle is the increased use of violence and manipulated tensions. It was not clear that a consultant could play a direct role in meeting this problem. As far as increased violence, manipulated tensions, and planted rumors were concerned, the best that might be expected from consultants would be the use of their skill as social scientists and analysts, in spotting, analysing, and suggesting the techniques for vitiating rumor planting and manipulation of tensions in a community. By identifying the source, purpose, and function of these they would help the individuals in the community who share our goals not to be just helpless victims.

Group I came up with two or three general principles which it was felt were relevant to the effectivness of the use of consultants in any specific area. The first was the belief that the time may have come for SRC to think of increasing the range of skills among its consultants. It was felt that the present panel of consultants, being as highly weighted as it is with social scientists, may have reflected more the realities of two years ago, than the realities of today.

There should be thought given to including on the panel of consultants, or in some relationship to SRC, individuals with specialized skills in information, education, labor relations, or work with church groups and so forth. It would be an error - as flattering as it might be to our own egos - to have the staff continue to believe that the present realities can be met by the skills and training of the present group.

The second general principle which is relevant to the effectiveness of consultants is the use of a team -- and the team should be a Negro-white team. It is not certain that valid empirical effort can be given for this, but it was the general feeling of Group I that the process contributes something and that in consultation with Negro groups, with white groups, or with integrated groups, a Negro and white expert dealing with a technical problem is of itself significant and will facilitate or add to the effectiveness of the job to be done.

Finally, we feel that it is imperative upon us to say that our discussions made perfectly clear to us the implicit answer to one of our basic questions, namely: It was the unanimous opinion of the group that there was a place and an important place for an organization that fitted the criteria of an indigenous, Southern, "white" (in a sense) organization - an organization that made no pretense of a militant attack on special legal problems but had as its major concern an attempt to talk reasonably to power controllers, to make contact with the essential decency in human beings. When that point was made explicit, every one of our group agreed that it was possible for an effective consultation service to operate within this framework, and that it would be a major contribution to the many types of things which now seem necessary to help a troubled part - to help our whole nation meet a very complex and difficult problem.

We would like to warn, however, that we felt that the most effective consultation service, the most knowledgeable and sophisticated group of consultants, cannot be considered substitutes for an effective staff program.

GROUP II

What standards should be applied in selecting problem areas for consultant services? What are the local variables that should determine focus in a given community? First, any group which request an SRC consultant team should be given a clear understanding of the Southern Regional Council's policies and aims before final agreement is reached. They should also be given a clear understanding that, except in unusual circumstances, all teams will be interracial. This would insure that there would be no temptation or excuse for getting off into a separate-but-equal frame of reference.

To what extent should the consultants define what it is that the groups will discuss? It is a stock phrase that you should work with groups "where they are." We do not agree wholeheartedly with this principle. We feel that it is incumbent upon the consultants to give some guidance in deciding where the group should be and what they should be talking about. We don't propose that the consultants should be undemocratic about this. Local groups should be given an opportunity to express their interest, their feelings about themselves, about where they are, and what problems they want to talk about. They may come up with a realistic definition which is in accord with SRC policies and the group can go on from there. If they do not, then it is incumbent upon the consultants to give guidance, bring up things that may not have been thought of, and try to restructure the discussion.

Selecting Problem Areas

1. Problem areas which should be selected first are those which derive from the policies and practices

of agencies and institutions in the community which result in significant disability or disadvantage for certain groups in the community.

2. Problems for which the entire community accepts responsibility, which are attributed to no one group either in causation or in susceptibility of solution.

3. Problems which require joint action of both races for solution.

Discussion of 1, 2, and 3.

This rules out using consultants in programs aimed at changing a few or many individual "white" attitudes or, on the other hand, Negro self-help or self-improvement programs; programs in which a white group or an interracial group which says in effect, the real problem is for the Negroes to cut down the illegitimacy rate or cut down the crime rate or even to get out and vote more. Only if the latter is approached as a citizenship problem and not as a Negro problem, one in which both races cooperate in trying to get out the vote, should we be concerned with it.

This points up the implications of the third point, the problems which require joint action of both races. Through interracial activity, no matter what problem the people in the community may attack, they work on two things. If they're working on the problem of housing, even though they're trying to get improvements in housing for Negroes, they find the most effective way of doing this is to increase the communication between whites and Negroes who are involved in this problem.

4. Problems should be selected which relate importantly to the basic issues of segregation and discrimination. This doesn't mean that in every community the only thing that we will talk about is a frontal attack on segregation, but any issue that is taken up should relate importantly to this central issue.

5. We should consider those issues which have undergone or are in the process of undergoing policy changes resulting from legislation, court action, or action of private groups such as labor unions and churches. This is a question of effectiveness. It is not that we felt that there were not other areas in which discrimination was a problem, but we felt that efforts would be better expended in those areas where policy changes were in process.

Consultants should go where there is a possibility of a court suit, or a possibility of appeal to a new statement of policy by a private agency rather than spending time on problem-solving which would depend only upon good will and voluntary action. This does not mean that this on-going policy change has to be taking place in the particular community involved.

The other part of our assignment was the consideration of the local variables that should determine the focus in a given community. We found this more difficult to deal with. We had to state these as factors which the consultants will consider in sizing up a community in which they are working, trying to decide where they are, what they're ready to talk about, what they're ready to do. It's not a check list which can be used in any rigid sort of way, rather an enumeration of the things at which we might look. They're not arranged in any particularly logical order - just the way we thought of them.

The strength of opposition groups; the strength of pro-integration groups; the adequacy of lines of communication between groups in the community, particularly between racial groups; the posture of public officials; the attitudes of the press; whether there is a court action pending in the community; the unity of the Negro community; the level of tension; the major interests and concerns demonstrated by the local groups.

We realize that these are rather general guides. We feel that each community will be different, each group will be different, but we hope that this sort of thing would be useful as a guide for sizing up in a kind of off-the-cuff sort of way just what the situation is.

GROUP III

THE CONSULTANTS' ROLE

The first part of this report represents some mechanics and some of the nuances of the consultant's role that seem important. First, the consultant is an outsider. To what extent is this an asset, to what extent a liability? First, being an "outsider" gives him a professional status; second, it should represent a kind of detached - but yet, sympathetic interest. An important thing here is that this means that the consultant has flexibility, but coupled with that flexibility is real responsibility. Being invited in, he is assured of receptivity, and presumably he has an audience that wants to listen. There are some liabilities to the consultant's role as an outsider that we are all aware of, but they should be mentioned. In some situations the very fact of being an outsider, of being who you are, of having the labels that you have, arouses subtle, though sometimes not so subtle resistance. It is well to be aware of this; it is also well to be aware of the factors that are involved in this resistance.

We have made much of the fact that a great deal of the consultant's time and much of his technique involves listening. We examined the pros and cons and the limitations of the so-called listener. First, and on the plus side, the listener is not threatening, his passivity makes him not too prominent. Listening, of course, enables him to pick up cues and to get the feel of a situation. And this evaluation of the situation - the "casing of the joint," so to speak - is extremely important, particularly in the earlier period, because what one does then, that on which one commits himself or does not commit himself, can be crucial.

Listening, of course, provides a basis for later helping to clarify and inform. Listening also provides an important opportunity for the group to air its own views. The group gets an opportunity to clear the air and it is possible to pass on to a more positive attack. However, listening is, by its very nature, limited - it may be defeating unless it is coupled with some positive contributions, particularly when these positive contributions are indicated.

What is the role of facts and what is the role of fact-finding, with respect to the consultant's operations? First, facts about the local situation and about other situations are an important part of the equipment of the consultant in working with local people. It takes the conversation out of the realm of bland generalizations and reduces some of the gobbledegook that we are guilty of sometimes.

Fact-gathering is important and useful, particularly in initial stages of certain operations, and certain types of fact-finding are indicated no matter what the operation. There comes a time in the operation when it is possible to move from this fact-finding stage to a service and action stage. It is important to be sensitive to timing. It is important not to be over-sold on the idea that fact-finding is the only thing that can be done simply because it is the simple, the safe, and the innocuous thing to do.

We should ask the question, in our operations, fact-finding for what, and on what level? In other words, information is selective; communication is a selective process. Fact-finding is sometimes used as a delaying or diverting tactic. In many instances we really have sufficient facts. The important thing is to marshall and select these facts and to use them in terms of some developing action or service.

Sensitivity to the Uniqueness of the Local Situation

This, too, is a technique that indicates the sensitivity of the consultant - the fact that all situations are different. This is a way of getting concrete; in other words, by saying that this is a "particular" situation, you are focusing on specific and concrete things. There is a psychological element involved here too, because it's a rather sneaky way of paying respects to the local group. We all like to think that we are unique. On the negative side a continuing concern for the uniqueness of the local situation has its limits, particularly if one restricts his activities to this level of attack. We also should seek to stress the common denominators in situations - call attention to other situations that we know about - particularly as they have some relevance for the local situation. This balance between uniqueness and the common denominators is one that should be maintained at all times.

The Importance of Spade Work

We discussed too the importance of preparation and spade work before the consultant enters a situation. It is quite clear that the sheer mechanics of getting people together, and the timing of their getting together represent difficult problems and if they are not worked out they can be delaying or defeating. Where time does not permit this spade work to be done it is important that consultants have a great deal of patience and fortitude.

The Consultant Team

It is important to be sensitive to the size and kind of team indicated. It would seem desirable to get persons with complementary skills and also with at least a working relationship that has been tried out in practice, a team which has been formed because the members have worked together before. Certain persons have this good potential for working together well. The interracial character of the team is one of the most important contributions of these operations. It is an important demonstration. People get new images, and it is an educational force in itself.

Matching Consultants With Task

An attempt should be made to fit the consultant to the problem. For example, persons who have the same sort of professional or public status, or persons of similar titles are especially valuable in specific situations - that is, a superintendent of schools is used to consult with a superintendent or a chief of police is used to consult with a chief of police. It is desirable here, however, that when possible, such specialists, who might be used for "one-shot" operations be accompanied by persons who have complementary skills - reporting or observational skills - in order that SRC might get a full picture of what went on.

Candor, Honesty Important

Candor and honesty, as a part of the demeanor of the consultant, pays real dividends. The question here is at what point is it possible for persons to open up and become candid? Honesty, of course, is always indicated and always present. Important too is evidence that the team itself presents mutual respect and confidence among themselves. It is stressed that the individual characteristics of a team, that is, the fact that each team member is a person with his own background and his own emphases, should be exploited. These different characteristics should be blended and the differences among the team, when they are harnessed effectively, come to be a very important plus.

Mechanics of the Consultant Operation - Question of Time and Place

How long should these consultant sessions be? This, of course, obviously depends upon the particular task, and many other features. However, technique should be trimmed to the specific purposes and also to the time available. It is important to be sensitive as to how to open and to know when to close a consultant session.

The importance of the informal sessions should also be stressed, and in arranging situations, one should not rig them in such a way that it is not possible for people to get together on an informal basis. There is some merit in sometimes taking the group outside of the local community. This, of course, has to be handled very carefully, and with awareness of the liabilities. As a general rule, we felt that it is always best to meet with the local people in their own local setting where their problems are.

Reporting

With respect to the desirable form and content of the report which the consultants should submit to SRC, there are four major things that should be included or considered. One, a brief and succinct statement of the basic facts: who, what, when, and where. Two, a running commentary on what happened and on impressions in the nature of modified field notes. Three, some diagnosis of unsolved problems, and if possible, some attempt at prognosis. Four, specific recommendations as to next steps as a follow-through, and also as to how possibly there might be some feed-back to the consultants themselves and between the community (or at least the local group) and SRC and the consultants. In this running commentary one should use names liberally. The confidential nature of the report should be stressed and should be understood in order to protect all parties; the consultant, the agency, and the people of the local community. The reports where teams are involved should be individual reports.

Again, mechanics are: Two copies of the report should go to the central office. SRC should specify the responsibility of the consultant for such reports and remuneration should be adjusted in terms of the additional time involved. The report should be the property of SRC; any use by consultants should be cleared through SRC's central office.

GROUP IV

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING OPPORTUNITIES

Group: - Who Issues the Invitation?

The questions faced were, how to know which invitations to accept, which ones to really try for? It was decided that the most important criteria was the group that invites the consultants. Is there a real potential for change in the group? If something happens after consultants leave, does it have the leadership ability to do something about it? Is there a genuine interest and concern in this group? Is there energy that would carry it after the consultants leave? Do the members of the group have some kind of leverage in the community, either as decision-makers or being able to reach decision-makers, being able to influence public opinion, or by having a grass-roots type of connection?

Community: - Strategic Importance

Another consideration is the strategic character of an area or community. If it is a community that would be a good demonstration place or has influence on other areas then it should have a higher priority.

We arrived at a principle that we call working at the "vanguard edge." We arrived at this by asking ourselves, are we more interested in certain areas than in others? The principle arrived at was this: consultants should always be working at the vanguard edge in the locale where they are. So if, in Kentucky for instance, there were a situation that could affect teacher integration, which is strategic and symbolic, then we should by all means take it. At the other extreme if a situation in Mississippi offered nothing more than getting a group started, which would be an action group and truly interracial, we ought to meet that.

We would underscore the notion which has been said before in SRC circles, that our top priority really is the school question. We should keep this top priority in mind without necessarily shutting off help to a group that might want to do something else.

We were mindful of factors of timing, that there are certain cases where a particular moment becomes strategic in a given community, and we should have a role at that moment.

We raised some questions about publicity. The guiding principle should be that we want to protect this as a consultant service. We don't want to become a speaker's bureau, or have consultants do what local people ought to be doing. Sometimes it might well be that if it was worked out and understood, publicity would be quite all right.

Thus, the idea of servicing a genuine need of a group which will have some leadership potential continued to be our basic thread. We felt it was more basic than any geographic factor. For instance, the question was raised, if we get many requests from Florida and none from Alabama do we keep on servicing Florida? Our answer was yes, as long as there is a genuinely new situation, a genuinely helpful role. We should not try to balance our program out in any arbitrary geographic factor.

Another thing we discussed was the question of ability of services. We felt that administrative decisions could be made by SRC about cost, about whether or not some groups could pay part or all of the cost. We thought of some situations where we might be asked to do something which would be a little bigger then our usual role. For instance, a school board asking for a week's workshop for teachers. If it is important, we ought to use imagination to get other groups to help or to get a different kind of people than we've had before. If it is important, we should go out of our way to try to meet the need.

We threw in the following suggestions: (1) making more formal and definite communication with Board members, in the states as well as those on the SRC Board, about the availability of this service; (2) use the SRC Newsletter to build this by reporting what has been done and making continuing announcements; (3) the possibility of having Southern School News carry something on this; (4) a flyer which would, in an attractive form, announce this - and we didn't mean it to be a broadside, but to go to some of these selected groups; (5) get an organizational list, basically through the CCD, of other organizations that might use SRC's consultant services. It was suggested that having a flyer available would give an opportunity for the state staff people to visit their school superintendents, explain and offer service.

The only other suggestion we had we throw in gratis, and that it may well be appropriate for consultants to be encouraged to suggest what they themselves think they might do. Modesty holds consultants back from saying, "I think I could really do a job in "X" or "Y" community," and perhaps they could be encouraged to suggest how they can be used.

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May 5, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Thanks for your reply to my letter regarding the Fisk Seminar; I'll be waiting for your list of names.

I look forward to working with you in the Southern Labor Schools and have tentatively reserved the last half of August. Word from you on exact dates would be most helpful since the summer schedule is crowded.

Ben is likely to be busy. However, both of us consider the Southern Labor School a key activity, and he might try to make himself available. In any event I would be after him to work on the IUE guys in terms of attending the schools.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/hs

Encls: Lists of suggested names for State Advisory Committees
(Virginia and Florida)

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY May 6, 1958

Mr. Henry Shine
Civil Rights Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

Enclosed are a few suggestions for the State Advisory Committees in Florida and Virginia. I hope they reach you in time to be of some help in your deliberations.

In due course, we will be sending you additional suggestions for the other Southern states.

I enjoyed our conversation last week and look forward to seeing you again before too long.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures - 2

VIRGINIA

1. Paul D. Williams
(Leading Catholic layman,
officer, Mentzer and Bush
Publishing Company)
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

2. Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith
(Pastor, Congregational Christian
Church and President, Virginia
Council on Human Relations)
Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

3. Dr. A. G. Moron, President (N)
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

4. Benjamin Muse
(Virginia correspondent,
Washington Post)
Manassas, Virginia

5. Dr. Thomas H. Henderson, Dean (N)
Virginia Union University
Richmond, Virginia

6. Thomas W. Young (N)
Editor and Publisher
The Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

7. Colgate Darden, President
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

8. William H. Marmion
Episcopal Bishop
P. O. Box 2068
Roanoke, Virginia

9. Dr. C. Waldo Scott (N)
(Surgeon, past member of local
school board)
1003 Twenty Eighth Street
Newport News, Virginia

10. Mrs. J. L. Blair-Buck
(Past Pres., American Federation of
Womens' Clubs)
310 Hillwood Road
Richmond, Virginia

11. Mrs. Theodore F. Adams
(Wife of President of
Baptist World Alliance)
First Baptist Church
Richmond, Virginia

12. Mrs. Grellet C. Simpson
(Wife of the President)
Mary Washington College
Fredericksburg, Virginia

13. Francis Pickens Miller
(Leading Presbyterian
layman)
P. O. Box 3665
University Station
Charlottesville, Virginia

14. Dr. Rupert J. Picott (N)
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Assn.
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

15. Wilson M. Brown
State Planters Bank of
Commerce and Trusts
9th and Main Streets
Richmond, Virginia

16. Dr. J. Kenneth Morland
President
Randolph-Macon Woman's
College
Lynchburg, Virginia

FLORIDA

1. I. H. Burney (N)
Secretary
Afro-American Insurance Co.
P. O. Box 660
Jacksonville, Florida

2. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor and Publisher
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

3. Rev. Caxton Doggett
(Past President, Florida Council
on Human Relations)
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

4. I. H. Louttit
Episcopal Bishop
458 Virginia Drive
Winter Park, Florida

5. Nelson Poynter
Editor
The St. Petersburg Times
St. Petersburg, Florida

6. Crawford Solomon
Businessman
The Convention Press
218 Church Street
Jacksonville, Florida

7. Thomas Dreier
(President, Florida Library Board)
The Friendship Press
St. Petersburg, Florida

8. Dr. Gilbert Porter (N)
Executive Secretary
Florida State Teachers Assn.
Tallahassee, Florida

9. Judge Ray Pearson
(Circuit Court)
Room 418, Dade County Courthouse
Miami, Florida

10. Kurt Peiser, Businessman
Director, Food Fair
Foundation
Miami, Florida

11. Canon R. J. McClosky
(President, Florida
Mental Health Assn.)
406 Shields Place
Jacksonville, Florida

12. Mrs. Mayme Williams (N)
(Past Pres., National
Negro PTA)
1200 N. W. 6th Avenue
Miami, Florida

13. Dr. H. Franklin Williams
Vice-President
University of Miami
Coral Gables, Florida

14. Dr. Warren H. Collie (N)
509 - 3rd Street
West Palm Beach, Florida

Encls. Statement to Trustees of Wesley Memorial Bldg. - Prepared by SRC
(December 9, 1957)
Statement from North Ga. Conf. Trustees re: SRC's presence in
Wesley Memorial Building
Firing Line Analysis - prepared by SRC - 7/8/57

May 6, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Harold, who is away from the office has asked me to send you the material requested in your letter of May 1.

Enclosed is a copy of the statement prepared by SRC for the Trustees of the Wesley Memorial Building and the statement later released by the Trustees. You will note this action was with the Trustees, not the Bishop.

Also enclosed is a copy of our answer to the attack on SRC by the *Firing Line*. I believe you have seen this, but thought another copy might be helpful. This we don't need returned.

When you have finished with the other material, would you please return it to us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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May 6, 1958

Mr. J. C. McGlon
Vice-President
International Association of
Machinists
616 Glenn Building
120 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Brother McGlon:

At the request, some time ago, of Gordon Cole, Editor of the Machinist, I am adding your name to the mailing list of our monthly publication, New South. Enclosed is our most recent issue and a copy of Industrialization, Accent on the South which I thought would be of interest to you.

I trust that both current celebrations and negotiations are going well. I add my good wishes for success in both endeavors.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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May 6, 1958

Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers of America
AFL-CIO
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Could you make a print of the film, "Burden of Truth" available to the Southern Regional Council for use in the Southern states? I could give the film some special promotion through my program; in all probability it would be handled in our usual way of placing the film in the han regional office of the ADL here in Atlanta. Their film library facilities not only aid distribution, but assures proper handling.

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I have not yet seen the film although Fred Routh, of our staff, has. If prints are not immediately available for distribution, I would like to see a preview copy as soon as possible.

You will hear from me soon regarding further details of our Labor Seminar to be held at Fisk University.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Cansultant

EFV/mf

May 6, 1958

Mr. George Meany
President
AFL-CIO
815 - 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Meany:

I would like to express appreciation to you and to the Executive Council for its recent civil rights statement. It was particularly important to have an organization of the standing and size of the AFL-CIO to call for action regarding the series of bombing of Negro and Jewish religious institutions and schools in the South.

All concerned citizens need to be aware of the slowness with which the Civil Rights Commission's work is getting under way. The statement of the Executive Council aided admirably in this job also. Thanks for your good efforts in behalf of decency and democracy.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 6, 1958

Mr. Leon M. Coogan, Secretary
The Edgar Stern Family Fund
2110 American Bank Building
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Coogan

This is to acknowledge with warm appreciation the Edgar Stern Family Fund's contribution of $100 in support of the Southern Regional Council's work in 1958. Our support within the South means more to us today than ever before, and thus we are especially grateful for the Fund's annual contribution.

Please convey our special thanks and good wishes to Mr. Edgar Stern.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

May 7, 1958

Mr. Solomon I. Sklar
The New-Land Foundation, Inc.
579 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Sklar:

Mr. Robert Wolf has transmitted to us a check for $1,000 representing the New-Land Foundation's grant in support of the Southern Regional Council's work.

We have sent Mr. Wolf our official acknowledgement, but I do want to say a special word of thanks to you. I am well aware that the New-Land Foundation is confronted with more requests than it can honor. Thus I am all the more grateful for the consideration given the Council's needs. You can be sure that we will make every effort to justify the confidence of you and your associates.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HC F/hs

May 7, 1958

Mr. Julius Schatz, Director
Community Services Bureau
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Mr. Schatz:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked me to answer your letter of April 24th.

Enclosed is a list of 100 names for your mailing of Neither Black nor White. We have included very few Negroes since we assumed you wanted persons who were middle-of-the-road in race relations or persons who might be influential with the uncommitted. If you had not planned to send the book to Southern governors you might want to consider the Governors of North Carolina, Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Tennessee.

If we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

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Note – I register protest that the State Directors were not included.

5/8/58

LIST

1. Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

2. Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

3. Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President, Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

4. Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
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5. Dr. John A. Griffin
Director of Community Services
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

6. Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S.L.I. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

7. Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

8. Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini
Bishop, The Catholic Church
123 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

9. Mr. Irving E. Carlyle
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Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

10. Mr. Jerome Crossman
President - Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Bldg.
Dallas, Texas

11. Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dean, Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist Univ.
Dallas, Texas

12. Dr. S. E. Duncan
Dept. of Pub. Instruction
Raleigh, North Carolina

13. Mr. Paul E. Green
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

14. Dr. M. LaFayette Harris
President
Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

15. Dr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology
Univ. of North Carolina

16. Mrs. Austin Kimball
3131 S. W. First Avenue
"Black Acres"
Gainesville, Florida

17. Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

18. Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
President
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

19. Dr. E. A. McDowell
Southern Baptist Seminary
Wake Forest, North Carolina

20. Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

List - continued - 2.

21. Dr. Riley B. Montgomery
President
College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

22. Mr. Benjamin Muse
Columnist
The Washington Post
Manassas, Virginia

23. Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
Bishop, The Episcopal Church
802 Hillsboro Street
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24. Dr. J. M. Richards
President
Columbia Theological Seminary
Decatur, Georgia

25. Mrs. E. U. Robinson
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Gallatin, Tennessee

26. Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Street, N.W.
Atlanta, Georgia

27. Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director, Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

28. Dr. Walter Sharp
Professor of Fine Arts
Vanderbilt University
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29. Mr. Charles A. Shaw
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Watchtower Life Insurance Co.
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30. Mr. J. Edwin Smith
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31. Dr. Bell I. Wiley
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32. Mr. Thomas W. Young
Editor and Publisher
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33. Dr. A. C. Miller
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40. Herbert M. Davidson
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42. Nelson Poynter
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43. Crawford Solomon
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44. Judge Ray Pearson
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45. Kurt Peiser
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Miami, Florida

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46. Dr. Colgate Darden
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47. Mr. Robert Woodruff
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48. Clyde A. Milner
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57. Francis P. Gaines, President
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59. Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith
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60. ~~Benjamin Muse~~
~~Manassas, Virginia~~
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61. Bishop William H. Marmion
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62. Mrs. J. L. Blair-Buck
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64. Francis Pickens Miller
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65. Wilson M. Brown
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67. Charles H. Gillman, Director
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68. Loren H. Nelles, Director
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69. Mr. Ray Nixon
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Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

70. Most Rev. Robert E. Lucy
Archbishop of San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas

71. E. C. Pippin
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72. V. H. Williams
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73. A. E. Cox
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74. Rev. Roy Hulan
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Jackson, Mississippi

75. Purser Hewitt
Jackson Clarion Ledger
Jackson, Mississippi

76. Oliver Emmerich
State-Times
Jackson, Mississippi

77. Sylvan Meyer
Daily Times
Gainesville, Florida

78. Ewing T. Wayland, Editor
The Arkansas Methodist
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79. R. E. Alley, Editor
Religious Herald
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80. Mrs. J. Horace Clark
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81. Mr. Morris Abram
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82. Bishop Arthur J. Moore
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91. W. S. Howland
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92. Dr. Harold K. Hughes
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Rock Hill, South Carolina

93. Monsignor James McNamara
Cathedral of St. John the Baptist
222 East Harris Street
Savannah, Georgia

94. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services
Frogmore, South Carolina

95. Mrs. Alice Spearman
1745 Sumter Street, Rm. 100
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96. Frank W. Spencer
Atlantic Towing Company
228 East Bay Street
Savannah, Georgia

97. Very Rev. Patrick Walsh
Director - Dominican Fathers
Our Lady of Springbank Retreat House
Kingstree, South Carolina

98. Mr. R. L. Clanton
Altavista,
Virginia

99. Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

100. Leon M. Coogan
2110 American Bank Bldg.
New Orleans 12, Louisiana

Same ltr. and encl. to Mr. Dabbs

May 7, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is a copy of the proposed agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Executive Committee for your suggestions and approval.

We look forward to seeing you on the 14th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

May 7, 1958

Mrs. Frances Cousens
18019 Roselawn
Detroit 21, Michigan

Dear Fran;

Have just returned to the office from a NAIRO Board meeting in New York and found your note awaiting me. Also found a package on my desk containing "Ballads for Sectarians." If it does'nt sound too pontifical, may I say "Bless your ole cotton pickin' heart."

I am indebted, too, for the most pleasant evening spent in your home. There is something about pleasant surroundings, good Scotch, and better company that makes it all worthwhile. Of course, receiving fan mail (or should I say Fran- mail?) also helps.

Don't know how it came about but I am an active member of CCD's Inter-religious Sub-Committee. We met Monday in New York so I stayed over for it, thus giving me a weekend in the Big City - which was not wasted.

Please give my regards to all my friends in Detroit.

Illegitimus non Carborundum !

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bcc

May 7, 1958

The DAILY PROGRESS
Charlottesville,
Virginia

ATTENTION: Mrs. Edna Penn, Circulation Department

Dear Mrs. Penn:

Enclosed is our check in the amount of eight dollars ($8.00), advance payment for a six months subscription to the DAILY PROGRESS, beginning immediately.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

May 7, 1958

Mr. Ray Farabee
U. S. National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Penn.

Dear Ray,

I have been away from the office and just returned to find your letter, containing the good news of the grant from the Field Foundation, awaiting me. I am happy to accept membership on the Advisory Committee of the Seminar.

Let me attempt to answer your questions:
(a) Suggested resource persons for the Seminar: See attached list - with thumb nail sketches.

(b) Suggest resource materials for the Seminar: Will send later.

(c) Will I be on the East Coast in the next two-to-three weeks? Just returned from New York, any prospect in the near future un-likely.
(d) Suggestions for Seminar Director: Ray Farabee -- other possibilities, Paul Rilling, Charlie Jones, Glen Brooks (Young Texan now with Committee on Government and Higher Education)

(e) Does SRC have resource materials that would be helpful? Yes.

Please keep me informed of the progress you make and feel free to call on me for further suggestions, help, etc.

All best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bcc

Suggested Resource Persons for Seminar-

(1) Mr. Will Campbell - Mississippian; Assoc.Dir. Division of Racial and Cultural Relation, Nat'l Council of Churches, Nashville, Home-spun, sharp, effective.

(2) Dr. Dan W. Dodson - Texan; Director, Center for Human Relations Studies, New York University. Top drawer man.

(3) Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton - Georgian; Director, Atlanta Urban League, Atlanta, Ga. Worked with college YWCA's.

(4) Dr. Lewis Killian - Georgian; Professor of Sociology, Florida State University, Tallahassee. Action oriented.

(5) Mr. Arthur Levin - Yankee; Director, So.E. Regional ADL Office. Atlanta, Ga.; knowledgeable in many things.

(6) Dr. Herman Long - Alabamian; Director, Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville. Thoughtful scholar.

(7) Dr. Robert Menefee - Kentuckian; Professor of Sociology, Berea College, Berea, Ky. Good with students. Thoughtful scholar.

(8) Miss Irene Osborn - Ohioan; America Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia. Worked in D. C. desegregation and with SRC.

(9) Dr. C. H. Parrish - Kentuckian; Professor in Sociology, University of Louisville (Ky.) - SRC professional staff- (First Negro on University of Louisville faculty)

(10) Mr. Donald Sprague - New Englander; Professor of Human Relations, University of Miami (Fla.) Experienced educator in H.R.

(11) Mr. Emory F. Via - Virginian; Labor Consultant, Southern Regional Council, Quaker. Background in Labor Education.

May 7, 1958

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Assistant to the Executive Director
Southern School News
Post Office Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

We are interested in the announcement in the May, 1958, Southern School News concerning "Facts on Film." Could you please mail us, at your convenience, information concerning the cost of the service and any other details which might be helpful to determine if this might be useful for our organization.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 7, 1958

Mr. Robert Wolf, Secretary
The New-Land Foundation, Inc.
579 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Wolf:

We are deeply grateful to the Board of the New-Land Foundation for renewing its important aid to the work of the Southern Regional Council in 1958. Enclosed is our official acknowledgement of the Foundation's check for $1,000 in payment of the grant.

We shall see that you are kept fully informed of the Council's activities in the months ahead. Meanwhile, our warm appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM May 7, 1958

To: All Participating Agencies

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

As you may recall from the minutes of the last meeting, the forthcoming meeting of the Southern Inter-agency Conference is scheduled to be held on May 27 - 28, at Atlanta University. We have withheld this reminder since there was some difficulty in acquiring facilities at Atlanta University due to their end-of-the year activities. These difficulties have been resolved and the meeting will be held as scheduled.

The meeting will commence on May 27th at 2:00 P. M., at Atlanta University in Room 100 of Sage Hall. Dinner will be provided for the group in the A. U. Dining Hall at 6:00 P. M. On the morning of the 28th, the meeting will continue at the A. U. Conference Room, beginning at 9:30 A. M. The meeting will end at Noon on the 28th. The chairman of the meeting, Paul Rilling, of the Southern Area Student Council, YMCA, is preparing an agenda. We will see that you receive a copy prior to the meeting.

Would you please let us know at your convenience whether or not you will be able to attend this meeting. If you would like to have overnight accommodations on the campus, please let us know as soon as possible. We will, of course, be happy to make any special arrangements which you might need.

VIA AIR MAIL   May 8, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

As you know, we have received a check for $2,500 from the Fund for the Republic to provide for a NAIRO internship by the Florida Council on Human Relations.

We are clear that you will deal directly with NAIRO on the use of the grant, the raising of additional funds, the selection and supervision of the interne, and so on. However, as the organization officially receiving payment from the Fund for the Republic, our file on the nature and terms of the grant should be complete. To this end, please send us a copy of the request and of any supplementary correspondence that was part of the transaction. As of now, we have nothing but the letter from Hallock Hoffman dated May 5, 1958.

As soon as we receive these documents for the record, I will see that our check for $2,500 is forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 8, 1958

Mr. Benjamin Muse
Manassas,
Virginia

Dear Mr. Muse:

I was happy to get your note and to learn that you are going to be in Atlanta next Monday. By all means, plan to pay us a visit. I will be looking forward with pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 8, 1958

Mr. Lewis Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lewis:

At Fred's request we are mailing you, under separate cover, twenty-five copies of the February NEW SOUTH. We will not charge you for these since they apparently are for a good cause.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 8, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

John Constable relayed to Fred and me the substance of your telephone call.

We are both undertaking to keep Tuesday evening open so that we can get together with you at dinner, or later, or both.

We have had a letter from Alice Spearman outlining the various types of consultation which the South Carolina Council feels might be helpful in preparing for a possible inquisition. We have send Alice various rebuttal materials, including the statement which I presented at the meeting of the Wesley Memorial Building Trustees.

As to the proposed consultation, I am negotiating with the Rights of Conscience Program of the American Friends Service Committee about the possibility of underwriting an able and imaginative lawyer who might make a thorough study of the legal and other factors involved in state committee hearings. I should have an answer from the AFSC within a few days. If this possibility evaporates, we will consider other ways to make a sharing of experiences and legal counsel available to the South Carolina Council and our other associated state groups which are confronted by similar perils.

There is no question that SRC has a mandate to assist the state groups with such matters to the extent that our resources and competences permit.

We are looking forward to seeing you next Tuesday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 8, 1958

Mr. Lee J. Price
Post Office Box 1724
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Jack:

It was good to hear from you again even if it was to inform us that the packet we sent never arrived! I checked with our Information division and, sure enough, it had been mailed on April 18. We are sending a second packet today--if the first one should turn up, and you can make use of the materials--keep 'em both.

Thanks too for the information about developments in Dade County--things seem to be progressing slowly but surely. One thing is certain: the bombings make the more respectable members of the WCC uncomfortable. It should be obvious to all that when responsible people defy the laws they choose, the less responsible tend to defy all laws. Therefore, much of our current problems of recent violence must be blamed on those Southern governors who have advocated defiance of the Supreme Court decision thus creating a climate where lawlessness is condoned.

Thanks for the invite to get together on my next trip to the Sun Shine State. I'll take advantage of it.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

May 8, 1958

Mr. Lewis H. Deer
United Christian Missionary Society
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Lew:

Thanks for your note of May 5, requesting we send you twenty-five copies of NEW SOUTH that has Bert Cartwright's article on "What Ministers Can Do." We are sending this issue under separate cover. There will be no charge for them.

I like the idea of introducing NEW SOUTH to the college and university students who will be in your work camp this summer. Bert's article has particular significance for such a group.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec

May 8, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Here is another item for your "violet" survey. Have missed you.

Sincerely,

John Constable

JC:lec

Encl. (Clipping from Atlanta Daily World 5-8-58)

Daily
file

May 9, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Exec. Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry,

I have discussed your letter of May 6th with Harold and Emory; here are our reactions:

(1) We see no conflict of interest in the N. C. Council's approaching the New Worl Foundation in the manner proposed. When the time comes, the proposal should come from the N. C. Council.

(2) We think merit employment should be an important part of your program but feel the question of school desegregation - just begun in North Carolina - should have top priority.

We are sure you feel as we do that

(3) Any project in merit employment in North Carolina should be done in cooperation with the AFSC which has a well established program in this area; and with such other organizations as have merit employment interests, (i.e.) N.A.A.C.P., Urban League etc.

(4) There is not enough meat on the skeleton proposal for us to chew on together at this time. It needs further thought and spelling out.

(5) I'll see John Hope this week-end and ask him to react.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bcc

Dail file

May 9, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Exec. Dir.
Fla. Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Bill,

I was interested in receiving from friends in Miami, clippings from the Herald (see enclosed) which indicate the formation of a new official or quasi-official body to deal with community relations problems in Dade County.

Certain questions obviously come to mind:

(1) What is the relationship, if any, of the new group to the Dade County Council?

(2) What is the relationship, if any, of the new group to the Florida Council?

(3) Did the Dade County Council play any part in this impressive bit of program or was it entirely an NCCJ affair?

(4) What will be the role, the functions, and the organizational structure of the new group?

If you need me and still want me for the 27th I can come to the banquet meeting. In light of the above, I probably should come. How's Seymour feeling?

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bcc
Enclosure:

May 9, 1958

Mrs. Elise Green
1215 Cloncurry Road
Norfolk 5, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Green:

? Thanks so much for your willingness to take on the task of setting up the materials at the Virginia AFL-CIO Convention. The Convention will be held at the Virginia Beach Convention Center. The display may be put up on the morning of the 19th.

There will be a display area, and a table may already be assigned for our materials. If not, any of the following persons (or someone assisting them) could help you out:

Harold Boyd, President — Julian Cooper, Vice President
Virginia AFL-CIO — Brewster Snow, Secretary-Treasurer

Sp You will probably recieve packages from the following organizations whose materials should go on our table also:

International Union of Electrical Workers
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights
Broadcasting and Film Commission, The National Council of Churches
Virginia Council on Human Relations

Again, my appreciation to you for taking this on.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via,
Labor Consultant

EFV/hs

May 9, 1958

Mr. Barbee W. Durham
70 Auburn Avenue
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. Durham:

At long last, here is news from the horse's mouth! Sorry, but I have been in the field for an extended round-up and trust that your hearing from two sources other than me at this end of the line hasn't confused things too much.

I arrive in Columbus, Ohio at 9:28 p.m. Saturday, May 17th, on Delta-American flight #542 from Lexington, Kentucky. I would appreciate it if you would make hotel reservations for me for the night of May 17th and notify my office of which hotel. I am off now for Knoxville, Tennessee for a workshop on desegregation.

I only have one picture - sorry - its enclosed. I look forward to being with you on the 18th.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/bcc
Enclosure:

May 9, 1958

Broadcasting and Film Commission
The National Council of Churches
of Christ in the U. S. A.
220 Fifth Avenue
New York 1, New York

Dear Sirs:

Please send immediately 50 copies each of the release announcing Face of the South, and the folder, "Do You Really Understand" to:

Mrs. Elsie Green
1215 Cloncury Road
Norfolk 5, Virginia

These pieces will be used for distribution at the Virginia AFL-CIO convention beginning May 19th.

Please pardon the rush; thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/pa

May 12, 1958

Dr. Gordon W. Allport
Executive Secretary
Ella Lyman Cabot Trust
Emerson Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Allport:

Mrs. Tilly has told us of the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust's grant of $2,000 in support of the important efforts of the "Fellowship of the Concerned".

I am deeply gratified that the Trustees acted favorably on Mrs. Tilly's request. You can be sure that the Southern Regional Council will do all it can to assist Mrs. Tilly and her associates in their greatly needed activities.

Emory Via joins me in appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 12, 1958

Mr. Joseph P. Anderson
Executive Director
National Association of Social Workers, Inc.
95 Madison Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are glad to cooperate with the National Association of Social Workers by supplying a selection of our materials for display at your conference of June 7th and 8th. I am sending separately sample copies of those publications which we feel would be most appropriate.

If we can help in any further way, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 12, 1958

Dr. Harry W. Roberts, Head
Department of Sociology
Virginia State College
Petersburg, Virginia

Dear Dr. Roberts:

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I take it that your inquiry refers to questionnairs used by the state consultants in our voting study. If so, I can supply you with only one - that used by Professor James Pierce in Alabama. The other consultants did not send us copies of the instruments they used, merely the end results of their surveys.

If by any chance I am mistaken and you are interested in the questionnaires used by registrars, let me know and I will see what I can turn up.

I am glad to know that you are planning further work in this area. We will soon undertake a limited follow-up to our 1956 survey. As soon as our plans are set, I will be in touch with you again to see whether we may further benefit from your services. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Survey Questionnaire of Negro Suffrage in Alabama)

May 12, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

Enclosed is a copy of the speech of Mrs. Elizabeth Wates, given to the United Church Women of Mississippi as she resigned as president.

You may know she is a member of the executive committee of the White Citizens Council. Much pressure had been brought upon her to give up her membership in the Council. I think you may know the story better than I do--at any rate, this may make for a new day for the United Church Women of Mississippi.

I sincerely hope you have marked on your calendar the dates October 23 and 24, for our Fellowship of the Concerned workshop to be held here in Atlanta.

Best wishes to you always.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec
Encl.

Clipping from Chattanooga Times 5-9-58, "Policeman Booked on Murder Count in Boy's Shooting"

May 12, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Here is another clipping for your file.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the
Director of Information

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Encl.

May 12, 1958

Miss Elizabeth Stinson
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stinson:

We had our study on Mark during March, ending April 3, Thursday before Easter.

Much we had in the class at Emory, we gave to our women at Haygood Memorial, my local church.

I am enclosing something of the class--and you can see how much we owe to you.

I regret that I did not see you amid the 10,000 at St. Louis. I would have loved seeing you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec
Encls.

May 12, 1958

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton
Executive Secretary
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Grace:

Many thanks for your letter suggesting useful extensions of SRC's services to colleges and universities. This is very helpful background for the discussion of this question which will take place at the Executive Committee meeting this week, and it was most thoughtful of you to take time out to do it.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SAME LETTER TO: Mr. William Fowlkes
Atlanta Daily World

May 12, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. McGill:

Enclosed is a biographical sheet on Mr. Karl-Heinz Hagen who will visit your office on May 14th at 2:30 p.m.

We are most grateful for your interest and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

MEMORANDUM May 12, 1958

To: C. H. Yarrow
American Friends Service Committee

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director - SRC

Re: PROPOSED "RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE" PROJECT

The Need.

In recent months, there have been a good many signs of mounting official activity designed to intimidate and harrass Southerners who favor desegregation. Examples: The South Carolina legislature recently authorized the state attorney general to require non-profit corporations to produce their records, and constituted a legislative committee to investigate "race and subversion." Governor Timmerman has already used the power of his office to penalize two private Negro colleges for allegedly harboring "leftwingers" on their faculties.

The Virginia legislature has set up a committee to carry on the functions of the Thompson and Boatwright investigating bodies.

Florida's Johns Committee and Louisiana's Rainach Committee have conducted vindictive hearings and are keeping up a flow of propaganda.

Alabama has moved legally against a statewide voter registration group, charging that it is a successor-in-fact to the outlawed NAACP. The Birmingham police have served notice that participants in interracial meetings in that city will be arrested.

The Georgia Commission on Education has distributed vast quantities of literature seeking to brand interracial efforts as pro-communist; the Commission is empowered to issue subpoenas and hold hearings. Georgia has also launched an official investigation of "barratry" in connection with recently filed desegregation suits.

A number of Southern cities have passed or are considering registration ordinances. And, of course, most of the Southern states continue to push legal and administrative attacks on the NAACP.

These official actions and the tenor of public statements by influential segregationists have led a good many liberal Southerners to conclude that an intensive series of witch-hunts is in the offing once the upcoming primaries are over. Up to now, the principal target has been the NAACP, which does have able, if overworked, legal talent available for counselling and representation. Attention now seems to be turning to organizations, including independent local interracial groups, which lack both sophistication and resources for defense.

The Proposal.

Heretofore, the "Rights of Conscience" program has been primarily concerned with assisting individuals whose adherence to conscientious principles has put them in legal jeopardy. The present situation appears to call for a similar service on a preventive rather than a remedial basis. Liberal whites and Negroes, particularly in the hard core states, feel very much like mice waiting for the cat to strike. They need advance information and guidance, in terms of both law and public relations.

These needs could be met, at least in appreciable part, by a short-term project involving field travel, fact-finding, legal analysis, and consultation. At a minimum, such a project would require the services for several months of a lawyer experienced in the field of civil liberties and sensitive to the public relations factors involved. A more elaborate project might involve a team of specialists with complementary skills and insights. We have made no attempt to work out the details of such a project, as to time, money, travel, and specific procedures. We can suggest in general terms some of the steps which the project might include:

(1) Survey and analyze pertinent state laws, local ordinances, and administrative regulations.

(2) Field visits to Virginia, Florida, Louisiana, and perhaps other states where legislative committees have been at work. Interviews with persons who were summoned as witnesses or who served as observers at hearings. Study of transcripts and committee reports, where available.

(3) Analysis of material being distributed by official agencies and influential private groups seeking to identify interracialism with subversion. This abundant "documentary" material probably presages the nature of future official attacks. (SRC and other organizations could assist on this.)

(4) Consultation with the leadership of local, state, and regional groups which have been or are likely to be the objects of punitive action.

(5) Aid the organizations likely to be involved in determining the civil liberties issues at stake, the importance of deciding where to draw the line for a showdown, and the alternative courses of action available.

(6) Advice on resources potentially available to victims of attack.

(7) Finally, a comprehensive report summarizing the information and conclusions derived in the course of the project. Such a report, available for selective distribution, might serve as a continuing guide for embattled organizations and individuals in the South.

Encls. Article and Editorial From Washington Star - 2/18/58

"A Futil Effort to Pin It Down..."

"Running Down a Hoax"

May 12, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

You probably long since quit bothering to read Roy Harris's fulminations. But in case you saw his last one, directed at you, you may be interested in the enclosed article and editorial from the Washington Star debunking the Israel Cohen myth.

The Pulitzers awarded to Ashmore and the Gazette were cause for rejoicing. For your important part in the whole business, we all owe thanks.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL May 12, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for thinking of me in connection with your letter to Mr. Musser of Scripto. I have noted the possibility that the week of June 23 may be the date of your visit to Atlanta, and I will look forward to final word when your plans are complete.

The Marquards were here last week, and several of us on the staff had good sessions with them. Of course, they were scheduled and hosted by Dean Brazeal, and perhaps we didn't do as much for them as we might have. But certainly our exposure - and theirs I hope, was a pleasant and informative one.

In your earlier letter, you asked about Carl Pritchett, formerly of Anderson, South Carolina. Our experience with him was very favorable, both as to the degree of his commitment and the soundness of his judgment. I should think he would be a suitable candidate for the Exchange Program.

I hope to get a re-worked draft of the Foreign Visitor Proposal to you very soon.

Jane and I are still congratulating ourselves on our good luck in picking a time when both you and Mildred were in New York. We enjoyed our time with you immensely.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Enclosed is a run-down of contributions to SRC thus far in 1958. I thought you might like to see it.

H.C.F.

May 12, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This is to acknowledge your letter of May 1 to John Hope and similar suggestions which Marion Wright has relayed to us.

I believe that you have by now received all of the principal materials we have drawn together in rebuttal to the charges made against SRC from time to time. Since these fraudulent charges have been essentially the same over the years, I don't believe we need anticipate any basically new type of attack.

As to the proposed types of consultation, we are willing to work out whatever we can. At the moment, however, I am proposing to the Rights of Conscience Program Committee of the AFSC that they use some of their remaining funds to underwrite a systematic job of research and consultation in this field by a competent lawyer of their choice. It seems to us that such a temporary project person might synthesize the experiences thus far in Louisiana, Virginia, and Florida, study all the pertinent state laws, and counsel with all of our respective groups on their particular situations. I should have an answer from AFSC fairly soon and will be in touch with you again at that time. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MATERIALS SENT:

Publication Listings (2)
THE NEW YORK TIMES (Reprint)
THE NEW YORK TIMES Magazine (Reprint)
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL (Reprint)
Public Ethics and the Integration Question
The Churches Speak
The Angry South
Religion & Race
NEW SOUTH (February, March, April 1958)
The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter

May 12, 1958

Mr. William A. Hollman
Social Studies Department
Newton High School
Newtonville 60, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hollman:

In answer to your letter of inquiry dated May 8th, we are enclosing a listing of publications of the Southern Regional Council, and will be happy to forward any of the literature you may wish to order. We are also enclosing a variety of our free materials. Although we do not maintain a mailing list for distribution of such free materials, subscribers to the periodical NEW SOUTH receive all literature distributed by the Council without charge.

May I suggest that you write the National Conference of Christians and Jews, 43 West 57th Street, New York 19, New York, for their bibliography "Integration in American Education," and for any more recent bibliographical listings they may have compiled. The quarterly *Journal of Negro Education* is a good source ~~[illegible]~~ for complete listings of current literature in this field; however, annotations are not included.

We hope this information will be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

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May 13, 1958

Mrs. W. Leroy Schoch
Conference Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
26 S. W. 25th Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Schoch:

We are deeply grateful to the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Florida Conference for the 1957 and 1958 contributions which you have sent to us. There is no calculating the contribution in ~~and~~ words and deeds that the Methodist women have made to Christian principles in the South, and it gives us great encouragement to think the Southern Regional Council deserves their support and confidence.

With appreciation and kindest regards to you and your fellow workers,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

VIA AIR MAIL May 13, 1958

Mr. Lawrence Lader
85 East End Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Larry:

Ever since I received your letter, we have been spearing about for the kind of information you need on the fee system. We have finally run down what may be a useful source - namely, a six-part series in the Atlanta Journal which ran last August. We are trying to get hold of the back issues involved - not an easy job with these local newspapers. If we are successful, we will be sending the series to you within a few days.

Enclosed are a few clippings that will give you some idea of how this issue figured in the recent legislative session.

I am sure you have approached the AAA for their state-by-state information on the evils of the fee system as they affect motorists.

I am sorry we couldn't help more readily, but I am glad to have word of you again.

I do indeed know about Bill Peters' Southern investigations. He spent a good deal of time with us when he was down here several months ago, and we have been in frequent communication since. I have seen the lengthy manuscript he did as a basis for his McCall's piece. It looks most promising.

I still wish the right formula would turn up to put you in the act too.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - News clips on Fee System - Atlanta Const. 1/30/58
" " 2/18/58
" " 2/11/58

VIA AIR MAIL May 13, 1958

Mr. Seymour Samet
Southeast Area Director
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mr. Samet:

We have made reservations for you at Atlanta University for the nights of May 27 and 28. There will be no difficulty in your remaining on the campus for the second night.

We look forward to seeing you on the 27th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 13, 1958

Mr. Harold Boyd, President
Virginia AFL-CIO
102 N. Belvedere Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Hal:

I talked with Brewster while you were out of the office; he indicated that I should go ahead and plan to have a pamphlet exhibit at the Convention. It is with real regret that I find I will be unable to attend.

I have arranged with Mrs. Elise Green, a member of the Board of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, to set the literature up on Monday evening, May 19th.

Enclosed for your consideration are copies of the materials which I intend to have displayed.

Best wishes for a successful convention.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf
Enclosures

May 13, 1958

Mr. R. G. Towler, Auditor
Southeastern Region
ILGWU - AFL-CIO
1489 Gordon Street, S. W.
Atlanta 10, Georgia

Dear Mr. Towler:

Please pardon my delay in sending you the enclosed receipt. Thanks for sending the check on to me; the Council is the ultimate recepient of such honoraria so that it's official receipt is also enclosed.

It was a real pleasure to have had this opportunity to cooperate with ILGWU.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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Enclosure

CC: E. T. Kehrer

MATERIALS SENT:

How to Stop Violence, Intimidation in Your Community
NEW SOUTH (March)
Race Riots Aren't Necessary
Why Race Riots

May 14, 1958

Mr. Albert C. Winn, Chairman
Tuscaloosa Council on Human Relations
Stillman College
P. O. Drawer 483
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Winn:

We are enclosing several pamphlets which deal with the subject of measures which can be taken to prevent violence in the community. You may keep "How to Stop Violence, Intimidation, in Your Community," (which contains the ordinances you mention) and, of course, the March NEW SOUTH (See "Violence: It Need Not Happen"); however, we would very much appreciate your returning the two Public Affairs pamphlets. They are our only copies and part of our permanent reference files.

We will also be glad to forward you a copy of "Principles of Police Work With Minority Groups", compiled by the Division of Police, Louisville, Kentucky, if you feel that it would be helpful to the Tuscaloosa Council's program. It, too, would have to be returned.

There is no charge for the enclosed material, and we sincerely hope you will find it useful.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Enclosures, 4

May 14, 1958

C. C. L. O.
2006 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Sirs:

A recent letter from Bob Hughes, director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, reveals that he has been refused the right to register to vote. One of the questions on the form was: "Are you willing to take up arms in defense of your country, and if not state why?" Bob answered, "No, I cannot in conscience do violence to any child of God." To this the registrar responded, "You answered this one wrong, I can't register you. Nobody should have a voice in shaping the Constitution, who is not willing to defend it." He indicated that this was based on some Federal Court decision.

Although I understand that there is no court decision which allows this limitation on voting, such advice or materials as you have would be appreciated. Please send the materials to Rev. Robert Hughes, Executive Director, Alabama Council on Human Relations, 1218 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 14, 1958

N. S. B. R. O.
401 Third Street, N. W., Rm. 403
Washington 1, D. C.

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Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

Rough Copy

MEMORANDUM May 15, 1958

To: Ben Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil
Liberties and Rights

From: Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

This will be a quick and rough answer to your request for information of work done with UAW and Steel. I would not maintain that what we? have done with these two unions is overly impressive; I pretty much take the position that what we do that is good for the total climate within the Labor Movement will in the long run be of most benefit to individual unions. I say this because I think it is a sound program approach and because I doubt that we could justify major contributions to the program in terms of work done with affiliates of the contributors.

Two other factors enter into our work with these unions. First, in spite of their good national reputations and the character of the industry in which they find themselves, these two are among the toughest with which to do constructive work. Each of them has very severe problems in a number of areas in the South. Each is plagued with large local memberships and a substantial portion of which opposes the national unions' policies relative to civil rights and race relations. The proof of this is the difficulty which national staffers concerned with civil rights have in really uncovering local situations; even cooperative regional or district directors are likely to have highly developed defense mechanisms which keep them from revealing the real nature and extent of the racial problems with which they are confronted.

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Without necessarily meaning to be dishonest, many staffers have also learned how to take a quite different tact with local membership than they take with national office representatives. Some of them even deceive themselves as to how much they are doing or saying relative to racial problems.

Of course, all of the above is, in a sense, defensiveness on my part. It is true that I am keenly aware that much more pertinent activity needs to be done with both UAW and with Steel. I make the general case in the hope that we may develop better working relations, program coordination, and imaginative ideas to be implemented in local situations. It is both wise and necessary that I make my own efforts in cooperation with either regional staff or with National Civil Rights staff.

Now for a run-down on some of the activities with each of these unions.

U. A. W. -- I worked with Earl Henderson and Jim Harden to participate in the Southern UAW Summer Institute. The formal program, to my regret, was one long major evening session. However, in the planning and in side conversations I felt that we accomplished a good bit. You will recall that both Earl Henderson and Julian Fraser attended the Fisk Institute last year; I had extensive conversations with each of them about their work, UAW locals, approaches to Southern union groups, other labor and human relations oriented contacts in the South, and put each of them into contact with experts at Fisk and in Nashville, who could advise with them on specific problems in which they were interested.

Perhaps my most important direct contribution, through the UAW, has been extended and frequent conferences with Earl Henderson. It is quite difficult to evaluate the outcome of these conferences, but Earl himself has been effusively laudatory. In a similar way, I have had occasion to work with Jim Harden. I am not prepared to say what the effect of this work with Jim has been, but perhaps it is sufficient to indicate sKull ?

that we have given him extensive help.

There have been several skull-knocking sessions in which we discussed racial problems relative to his own program concerns; I have given him extensive help on two speeches which he needed to make relative to these problems; you participated for and/or with him in a program in Atlanta regarding industrial security.

We hosted and scheduled a team of foreign unionists for the UAW. On the surface, this was a mechanical job requiring a good bit of time and energy. It was much more than this however, in terms of local union and regional staff involvment. This involvement included getting regional staffers to take unprecedented action on their part to secure facilities for "mixed" meetings, to provide some opportunity for discussion of the issue as it relates to international affairs and to national union policy, and an introduction of UAW staffers to important Negro leadership (in status, policy, and politics) in the Atlanta area for the first time.

We, of course, had UAW participation in our March Conference and at the Fisk University Conference. I have had running contact with about five other UAW staff men. Some of this contact was extensive.

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We have done such small jobs as to attempt to case down the scurrilous Christmas cards sent to Walter Reuther, send news clips pertinent to the UAW to appropriate staff persons. One of the Memphis International Harvester upsets which looked as if it would explode came to my attention before it came to the attention of regional staff persons; I was instrumental in seeing that they were properly notified and sent an impluse, at the same time, to a staffer in the Fair Practices Department to follow up and proper handle.

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On this occasion and on others, the UAW was notified that my office would be of any and all assistance that was requested.

I cooperated with regional Urban League personnel relative to a request from Oliver for certain kinds of contacts in the Atlanta area which would reveal the employment patterns in UAW plants and the difficulties involved. Fred Routh has spoken at the FBR camp in Michigan under regional director Ken Roberson's auspices about the South and its problems; Fred also spoke to the Detroit Religion and Labor Fellowship - the result of work done

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by Mildred Jeffrey. From time to time, I do send pertinent printed materials to selected members of the UAW staff in the South; I think that this function can be greatly increased.

We have involved the UAW's Southern regional person, Earl Henderson, in the Interagency movement. We have also seen that he has had meaningful contacts with other agencies in the given states. This is another area in which he has not only shown appreciation but actually acted on the suggestions made.

Some of my work with UAW was upset due to the change in regional directors. This was not due to any particular affiliation or inclination on my part, but just to the necessity of getting a good bit of our work done through personal understanding and confidence.

When John Bateman headed the Atlanta Office, I had an easy and fruitful relationship. I will confess that I am just now getting on a similar footing with Michaels in Baltimore.

Let us move on to the United Steelworkers. -- The story here is even less impressive. I have had fairly frequent and extensive contact with Loren Nelles. Loren has almost always proved cooperative in any specific project on which I ask his participation. He saw to it that he and two other members of his staff attended our March conference; two men from his staff attended our Fisk Seminars along with four other members of USA. Most of my work with Steel has consisted of individual conferences with their staff men. This has been done primarily in Atlanta, Birmingham, and in Nashville. This totals only about eleven or twelve staff people all together.

Quite frankly, I have found most of these men in need of shoring up in elementary positions relative to race. Their general public statements - public to their own union - are not bad; their position relative to matters racial with me at first blush sounds quite good. But on the hard questions of school desegregation and even in terms of employment opportunities, these men often demonstrate a need to overcome the rationalizations which have been put forth by Southern leadership and, at times, by their own pro-segregation membership.

They often need to be reminded of the grounds on which they can hold morally and practically, more positive positions. If this indictment seems severe, it is only to show that it has been difficult to move work with Steel staff into new and more meaningful and far-reaching areas. However, even in this situation I have had fruitful conversations with both Nelles and Farr.

Recently in Birmingham, I had an extended conference with Farr where we discussed the upsurge of violence and intimidation in Birmingham, its meaning, and whether or not it had special significance to the Labor Movement. We also discussed, in general terms, causing him to reflect on his own situation, the level of tensions in Birmingham's steel industry. We found time, too, to discuss re-instituting the district educational conferences which Frank Shane use to cooperate in. We mentioned some alternatives to an institute which concentrated just on civil rights and racial problems. If such a conference could be brought off by whatever combination of fources it would be a major piece of program considering the situation in Birmingham today.

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With selected members of the Steel staff also, I have engaged in the distribution of special materials.

Similarly to the work done with the UAW, I was in contact with regional Urban League staff to help pull together some ideas and individuals so that Boyd Wilson might have a more fruitful visit to Atlanta. I think that it is unfortunate that Boyd did not find an opportunity to be in touch with me while he was in Atlanta, but in a letter to me prior to his visit here he indicated that the information and side conversations that he had had at Fisk, had been instrumental in giving him some understanding of possible problems in the Atlanta area.

Loren Nelles and I have discussed the possibilities of having a district staff conference on problems related to race as faced by his own personnel. This is still a possibility; again, if it could be pulled off by whatever combination of forces, it would be a good thing.

I can only submit that in the case of both Birmingham and Atlanta, such an institute cannot be developed quickly. It seems to take some months of general assent to the idea before the district directors are really ready to sit down and plan such a conference.

This just about sums it up, Ben. I would strongly recommend that both Frank and Bill be urged to look again at my annual report to increase their appreciation of an overall programmatic approach to the problem. I would also like for them to know of my own personal appreciation for the aid which they have given to my end of the program. This aid has been chiefly financial; I look forward to increased program cooperation with each of them. Certainly this is no time to let-up. To the contrary, some of the union problems will increase as long-run recession effects are felt. But we are no longer in a time when the issue can be avoided just because it is tougher to handle. Specifically, we ase getting rumblings that lay-offs in Steel are causing increased problems relative to seniority and race.

I trust that this will adequately fit your immediate need. I am leaving for Louisville on Friday morning before the office opens. I will be in Chicago for several days to settle affairs there and will return by way of Nashville and Chattanooga. This means that I will not be back in the office until May 26th.

Incidentally, relative to both UAW and Steel, my participation in various state programs has reached some of their members and staffers. On each of these occasions - numbering about six now - I have had side conversations with some of their people. I have not always remembered the names of the individuals involved. Specific materials, however, were supplied either on the spot or by mail later. Usually these programs centered around the necessity of athe Labor Movement facing honestly and responsibly the problems involved in racial relations. Specific attention was given to the necessity for adequate job opportunities, up-grading, etc. Though this is a difficult part of the program to detail, it does indicate the way in which a specific union's membership may be reached though not tabulated.

Scream if this is not sufficient.

Encls: Proposed Agenda - Interagency Conf. - May 27-28
List of interagency staffers whose attendance is expected.

May 15, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

As we agreed a few moments ago on the telephone, here is the proposed agenda for the forthcoming Interagency meeting and a list of those agency staff people who have thus far notified us that they expect to attend. The list is not complete, but it is likely that the attendance will be substantially larger than this suggests.

I have talked with Nat Griswold, and he plans to be with us on the 27 and 28. He was very pleased at this opportunity to get together with you, both because he hasn't met you as yet and because he is feeling remiss in not having posted you recently on the activities of the Arkansas Council. He expects to come prepared to give you an overall picture, which I gather is a busy one. It seems to me that the best time for this would be the evening of the 27th after the formal interagency session is over.

I will be looking forward to getting together with you Monday evening for dinner. When your plans are complete and reservations made, let me know what flight you will be arriving on.

If there is any problem about hotel reservation, we will be glad to undertake arrangements here.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

May 15, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Post Office Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

I appreciated your coming to the platform at St. Louis and greeting me. The recognition given the Southern Regional Council by Sadie Tilman was a lovely gesture and we here appreciated it.

I wanted to talk to you about several things that disturb me. It seems that our Methodist churches along with the other churches in Prince Edward County have agreed to let the public schools for white children be operated in their buildings. A sum of money has been raised in the county for the operation of these schools for the coming year. This is, of course, to circumvent the order of the Supreme Court.

The Presbyterian U. S. took action at their recent meeting against their churches being used in such manner. (See this week's Christian Century.)

I am enclosing something on our study of Mark. You may be sure it was easy to bring in much of Liston Pope's book all along the way. Many had been in a class on it and from them much was added to the study of Dr. Barnett's book.

Lest you have not seen it, I am enclosing thermo-fax copies of Concern on the Millsaps incident.

I met with the Mississippi Board of Social and Economic Relations (Central Jurisdiction) just before I went to St. Louis, and came back heart-sick over Mississippi. Incidentally, the Board meeting was splendid.

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Maybe you will have time to read these enclosures.

Best wishes to you and Dr. Robinson.

From,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures

May 15, 1958

Mrs. Merris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mildred:

Thanks for your letter of May 10th. It was good to see you in Richmond on Monday and to find you were doing so well with the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter.

I have caused to be sent to you 50 copies of the "Origins and Aims of SRC" -- as reprinted in the Congressional Record; this should give it added prestige.

I am enclosing a list of SRC's Board which gives the position of those who hold various offices in their profession. We stand, four-square, behind them all. We don't have 50 copies of this item left. Feel free to reproduce it if you want to.

Thanks for the good words about George Mitchell's film. A discussion guide is on the agenda - but sometime off. A biographical sketch of GSM will be included.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/hs

Encl.: Board List

May 15, 1958

Miss Florence C. Harris, Correlator
Southern Regional Office, National Board Y.W.C.A.
41 Exchange Place, S.E., Suite 201
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Florence:

Harold has asked me to give you the names of some people who have been active with us in Jacksonville, Florida. Those listed below are all, as George Mitchell would say, "good eggs" and knowledgeable in matters interracial.

Crawford Solomon
Convention Press
218 West Church St.

Davisson Dunlap (attorney)
1312 Barnett Bank Building

Dr. R. M. Dreger
Child Guidance Clinic
635 Ocean St.

M. V. Johnson
RFD 1, Box 9
Dinsmore, Florida

Canon Robert McClosky
406 Shields Place

Mrs. Edwin C. White
2344 Gilmore St.

Hope this helps. All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/hs

May 15, 1958

Most Reverend Joseph B. Brunini
Bishop of the Catholic Church
123 North West Street
Jackson, Mississippi

My dear Bishop Brunini:

This is to express my thanks for the courtesies shown to me while I was in Jackson, and for the use of your office for our committee meeting.

I came away rather disturbed about the tension in Mississippi. I am very grateful that they have you and a group of others who are not discouraged and intimidated by the Citizens Council.

Thank you very much for all of this.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 15, 1958

Mrs. Martin L. Harvey
415 North Farish Street
Jackson 2, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Harvey:

Only my trip to the Assembly of Methodist Women at St. Louis, has prevented me from writing you the note of thanks in which I wish to express my appreciation for all the courtesies shown to me. Please know I am deeply grateful. Give my best wishes to your mother, I hope she is well.

I would like to say that the meeting of your Board of Social and Economic Relations was most informative and stirring. I doubt very much that any other board in the South ever had such a serious program. It was wonderful to me to be present.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 15, 1958

Honorable Paul Douglas
U. S. Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Douglas:

Your letter of May 1, for some reason, was delayed in reaching Atlanta.

I would most certainly like to testify, if I were invited, before Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Sub-Committee, but it is just impossible.

I think the Southern Regional Council has given you names of some who may be available.

I appreciate your request and really feel honored by it. Thank you very much for a copy of your bill S3257. I hope you will get it through. It would help our Southern situation.

I have hopes that some day, not too far off, our country will recognize all people as citizens.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 15, 1958

Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr.
World Peace Commission
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Dr. Boss:

Could you give me the information as to how many times our government has sent military forces into Latin America? I had these figures up to a few years ago but I have lost them. I would certainly thank you for this information.

I do not like war generals for presidents.

With best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 16, 1958

Dr. Leon M. Adkins
Executive Secretary
The Board of Education of the
  Methodist Church
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Adkins:

This is to acknowledge, with warmest thanks, receipt of the second and final installment of the Board of Education's annual contribution to the work of the Council.

We cherish our strong ties to The Methodist Church and the friendship and confidence which this contribution represents.

I hope we will soon have another opportunity to meet and discuss our mutual concerns. Meanwhile, our appreciation and kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

May 16, 1958

Mr. William M. Cooper
Office of Public Relations
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your good letter just received; we too were sorry to miss you when we stopped by the Institute. It is good to hear that you will "graduate" the end of June. I am happy to see that you will retain an active interest in our area of mutual concern. Thanks for letting us know of your availability -- we will keep you in mind for our Consultant Service Program.

I was sorry to hear about Mrs. Cooper's illness but feel confident that Johns Hopkins can cure anything. They have a reputation as one of the best medical centers in the United States.

Virginia may close her schools but Virginians won't let them stay closed. The Old Dominion is good ground on which to test this foolishness. Arlington, Charlottesville, Newport News and Norfolk are too important a segment of the state to remain non-educated.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
(Dictated by Mr. Routh, signed in his absence)

May 16, 1958

Miss Enid Bogner
56 West 54 Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Enid:

As you told me when I was in New York, your letter was awaiting my return. I have talked with several agency people here but have turned up no openings. Art Levin, Director of this regional ADL office, suggested you might talk with Alex Miller of the ADL national staff in New York. Alex used to be in Atlanta.

If you would be interested in teaching in a good Negro university with an interracial faculty you might write:

Dr. Rufus Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

I wish that we had an opening at SRC that could make use of your skills but we are all staffed up at the moment. I'll keep you in mind as I wander about the South.

Give my regards to the good Robert.

Best wishes,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/hs

(dictated by Mr. Routh; signed in his absence)

May 16, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis
Catholic Interracial Council of Chicago
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th inviting me to participate in the Catholic Interracial Council's workship. I will be happy to do so and have entered the dates of August 29, 30, and 31 on my appointment calendar.

I am thankful you can cover my expenses for we have a pretty stringent rule that all non-Southern travel be not at SRC expense.

I look forward to seeing you again and participating in this important workshop. We sadly miss the Catholic Committee of the South.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
(Dictated by Mr. Routh, signed in his absence)

May 16, 1958

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics & Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We have had some rather hasty discussions of what appropriately might be passed on to Vernon Eagle regarding future possible uses of SRC's Consultant Service Program. Here is our thinking on the matter:

Merit Employment. -- Negro Southerners have difficulties finding positions where they are not under-employed. Many skilled and educated Negroes are employed in semi-skilled or un-skilled positions; many Negroes with semi-skilled competences are employed only in un-skilled jobs. There is often a pay differential between whites and Negroes doing the same work. There has been an increasing awareness of the waste involved as well as the inequities in the situation. Because of this, there is a growing opportunity to work with established groups, national, regional, state-wide and local, which have concerns in the area of merit employment. In Kentucky, North Carolina, and Virginia the Consultant Service Program or the staff of SRC have been exploring ways in which they can be useful in interagency cooperation and coordination. We feel it would be better to work through existing channels rather than duplicate the efforts of those already working and who have established contacts in industry and labor. Through staffing interagency workshops, team and individual consultation with employers, employment agencies, labor unions, and high school guidance counselors, SRC's consultants can make a real contribution to furthering economic democracy in the South.

Community Relations Counseling. -- A considerable number of communities face school desegregation this September. To name a few: Dallas, Texas; Arlington, Charlottesville, Newport News and Norfolk, Virginia. The role already played by the Consultant Service Program in the Dallas situation testifies to the effectiveness of this method of opening and maintaining the lines of communication between the white and Negro leadership. As "D" day draws close there will be professional educators and law enforcement officers who will, no doubt, look for the assistance of people skilled in community relations. The advice of such trained professionals can make the difference between smooth and rough social transition.

Colleges and Universities. -- It is obvious that in the next few years every state-supported institution of higher learning in the South will be either desegregated or closed. A number of private and church supported colleges and universities are moving toward desegregation. Administrators from successfully desegregated colleges and universities could serve as consultants to those institutions which face - voluntarily or through court order - desegregation. This remains an important issue in the Deep South.

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Religious Summer Camps. -- The South is still the "Bible Belt" and its youth and people gird themselves with faith at summer denominational camps. Clergymen, who have participated in community decisions to desegregate the public schools or who hold pulpits in racially inclusive churches would make excellent consultants to camp leadership and might, under special circumstances, assume a leadership role with the participants. We know that denominational leaders are forever looking for new talent. This is an opportunity of rare significance for it has import to integration, not just desegregation.

I hope this helps - wish it could be fuller but I promised to get it to you by Monday.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
(Dictated by Mr. Routh, signed in his absence.)

May 16, 1958

Mr. John Fischer
Harper's
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Fischer:

I finally had a chance to discuss with Ralph McGill the idea of an article on "Eisenhower's Southern Exposure," or "What the Birdie Told Ike in Augusta."

Ralph thinks the piece could be a good one and feels that Bill White could handle it without any trouble at all. My own feeling that this is so was reinforced by Ralph's judgment.

I enjoyed our brief time together in New York and hope we will meet again soon.

My best regards to you and Eric.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 16, 1958

Miss Barbara W. Moffett
Secretary
Community Relations Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

Thanks for your remittance of the national office's half of AFSC's commitment to the Joint Fact-Finding Project. Despite Tartt's blithe assurance that you are dough-laden, I noticed the tear-stains on the check.

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The project is rapidly approaching completion. Enclosed is a rough draft of the findings, prepared by our researcher, Margaret Price. We are sending it our "raw" to all the participating agencies, in the hope that we can put our respective reactions together at the interagency conference of May 27-28. The report will be carefully checked and edited, of course, and I should think that Margaret's introductory material should be rewritten in a more factual and restrained style.

The recent demolitions have made the project very timely. The steering committee hopes that we can get the report in final form, work out the details of release, and issue it as soon as possible. I hope this "crash" schedule will give you time to communicate with Tartt before the interagency meeting.

All the best to the Community Relations staff.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Draft of Fact-Finding Project Report)

cc: Mr. Tartt Bell

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E., Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM May 16, 1958

To: Agencies Participating in the Joint Fact-Finding Project

From: Harold C. Fleming

Re: **TRANSMITTAL OF ROUGH DRAFT OF FINDINGS.** (for draft, see "cooperating agencies - fact-finding Project")

Our temporary project person, Mrs. Margaret Price, has completed the main research on specific instances of violence, intimidation, and reprisals in the South, as reported by the press since January 1955. Her work has been guided by the steering committee provided for in the original memorandum inviting agencies to cooperate in the project.

As you will see, this is indeed a rough draft, since, in the interest of speed, Mrs. Price's manuscript was mimeographed exactly as received. We are sending it out as quickly as possible in the hope that your representative at the Southern interagency conference of May 27-28 can convey your agency's reactions. If your agency won't be represented, please do your best to give us your criticisms and suggestions before the 27th.

We are not now concerned about typographical errors, spelling, punctuation, or obvious discrepancies, since the manuscript will be carefully proofed and edited in due course. But we do need at this point everybody's views on substantive questions of content and form. No doubt we will want to redraft the introductory material in a way that will more effectively summarize the specific findings.

The recent bombings and attempted bombings give the report special timeliness. We feel that justifies our asking your cooperation on this "crash" schedule.

Best regards.

Sent to: Art Levin, Oscar Cohen, Sam Lubin, Ruby Hurley (2 copies) Tartt Bell, Barbara Moffett, William Oliver, Will Campbell, J. Oscar Lee and Edwin Lukas.

May 19, 1958

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
Executive Secretary
N. A. I. R. O.
152 West 42nd Street, Rm. 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

Danka for your letter of May 15th. Yes, I still plan to attend the NAIRO Intern Seminar in Chicago and the dates you suggest have been entered on my appointment calendar.

I must be in Atlanta for an NSA Regional Committee meeting on Monday, June 16th - so please set Friday eve, June 13th for "The South Today."

To the second request, the answer is also "yes" and the $50 honorarium is fine. I donate all honoraria to SRC and all contributions are gratefully received.

As to Chuck's letter, "it's spinach and I say the hell with it!"

Best regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

May 19, 1958

Mr. Harry Jones
121 East 3rd Street
Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Enclosed is a copy of a report we have on a case of police brutality in Cleveland, North Carolina, December, 1956. We are very anxious to obtain additional information about the outcome of this incident - whether action was taken against the policemen - for our fact finding project on violence. We would appreciate any information you might be able to forward.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
Enclosure

May 19, 1958

Mr. Kyle Haselden
The Baptist Temple
Quarrier Street at Morris
Charleston 1, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Haselden:

Thank you for your letter of May 15, concerning reprint privileges. You may quote from the aforementioned article if the indicated credit is given.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 19, 1958

Miss Clare Royce
The Food Research Institute
Stanford University
Stanford, California

Dear Miss Royce:

We have given careful consideration to your recent letter requesting temporary employment with the Council. We appreciate your interest in the region and its problems and would like to be of any possible help in your visit to the South.

We can arrange employment of a sort for you, though it would have a limited amount to offer in terms of experience and salary. The nature of our work and your experience is such that any duties you might perform while here would be in the form of simple clerical work, envelope stuffing, and the like. There is a possibility that for at least part of your time with us you could be used by our research office in reading and clipping newspapers and magazines. This would give you some opportunity to follow matters of race relations rather closely for several weeks. For these duties we would be able to pay you at the rate of $40.00 per week. Of course, there would be ample opportunity for you to meet and talk with the various members of our staff.

If these arrangements are satisfactory with you would you please let us know as soon as possible. And, when you are able to do so, would you please let us know when you plan to arrive in Atlanta.

We look forward to meeting you in June.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Same letter sent to:

Mrs. Elsie W. Rowland
Dr. C. W. Scott
Dr. F. R. Barnwell

May 19, 1958

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

We wonder if our recent questionnaire form concerning Waiting Room Desegregation in Tuskeggee has escaped your attention. We hope to receive all replies by May 26th, so that a report of your findings can be published in late Spring. 7

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
Enclosures, 2

MATERIALS SENT:

Updated Higher Education
Churches List
Churches Speak
Religion Section - Integration N & S

May 19, 1958

Mrs. Charlotte Lewis
Department of Records and Research
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

In answer to your request of May 7th, we are forwarding under separate cover some literature which may be of use to you. Our listing of desegregated institutions of higher education indicates religious affiliation. Unfortunately, we have no recent data compiled on integration in private secondary and elementary schools. However, we hope the other material may be of some help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc

May 19, 1958

Mr. Emmett E. Dorsey
Head, Department of Government
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dorsey:

In answer to your recent request, we are forwarding you a copy of "The Negro Voter in the South." We do not maintain a mailing list for distribution of our materials; subscribers to the monthly NEW SOUTH, however, receive all publications of SRC. We are enclosing a complimentary copy of this magazine.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
Enclosures, 2

MATERIALS SENT:

Addendum to Integration N & S , Elections & Appointments
Pages from I-N & S
The Negro Voter in the South

May 19, 1958

Mr. William I. Matthews
Assistant Professor of Political Science
Drake University
Des Moines 11, Iowa

Dear Mr. Matthews:

We are enclosing, in reply to your recent request, such material as we have available on voting and holding of public office by Negroes in the South. The "Addendum to Integration North and South Section 5" is, in all probability, not a complete listing of Negro office holders since it is not the results of a survey, but compiled from newspaper clippings. However, we hope this and the other enclosures will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
Enclosures, 3

May 19, 1958

Mrs. C. M. Hammond
200 Melbourne Avenue
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hammond:

It was so good to have you for a partner at the Assembly meeting. I have today expressed the package of posters and material on the study, "In Every Place A Voice." With this letter I am sending you the helps and outline. In the package you will find some quotations that pertain to the church. These are from the book. The only other quotation is this, "God guarantees the insecurity of every wrong solution of personal and social problems."

I think you will find some little strips on which are red letters. You will find such words as "segregation" "poverty" etc. These go with the above poster. I think if you go through with the helps enclosed, you will find how the [redacted] posters are used.

Keep them as long as you want them. I will not need them for several weeks to come. You are doing grand work with your women and I believe they will appreciate this study help.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosures

May 19, 1958

Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Thomaston, Georgia

Dear Penelope:

Your letter for some help on Christian Social Relations for your district laid on my desk while I was attending the Assembly of Methodist Women, and I read it after your district meeting was over. I am sorry.

With love and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 19, 1958

Mrs. Stewart Colley
Grantville, Georgia

Dear Mary:

There are some things that have weighed heavily on my conscious for many weeks. They are the answer to your letter; the answer to Vera's when she told me the terrible story of her husband; and the note of thanks to Norman Manning for singing for me at the meeting. At last I have written to Norman and now to you.

Your request for material on United Nations came when I was away from home. When I received it your date had passed. This is just about what has happened with Vera's letter. This year has been a very full year for me. Four trips to New York, a trip to Mississippi, Alabama, Augusta, Rock Eagle and the Methodist Assembly at St. Louis. As you can see, my correspondence is read by me long after it is received.

I wanted to tell you this at the conference but when I saw you it was at the time you were disturbed because Stewart had not come to the meeting, and I did not stop you then.

With a heart full of love to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

DT:lec

Dorothy Tilly

May 20, 1958

Mr. Shepherd L. Witman
Director
Residential Seminars on World Affairs
LaFayette College
Easton, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Witman:

I am sorry I have not replied earlier to your invitation to participate in the Residential Seminars on World Affairs.

The pressing nature of domestic affairs in the South is such that I could not justify spending a week at a conference this summer.

However, I fully recognize the value of the Seminars and wish you every success.

Sincerely,

Frederick Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

May 20, 1958

Miss Mildred Weathers
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Miss Weathers:

Enclosed is our check for $4.68, made payable to you, for postage of the South Carolinians Speak shipment. Also enclosed is a check for $12.50, made payable to the SCHR, for the 25 copies of the booklet.

Mr. Fleming, who is ill and away from the office, has asked that I express our most sincere appreciation for the prompt and efficient way in which this matter was handled.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Check No. 1934 - $4.68; Check No. 1935 - $12.50)

May 20, 1958

Mr. Seymour Samet
Area Director
Southeast Area Office
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Seymour:

I had hoped to get these off to you before this, but the rush of events interrupted my intentions. Sorry. You may keep "A Community Survey Gets Results," but please return "By the People" for it is SRC's file copy.

We can't find "One Bad Apple."

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:mf
Enclosures: 2 (New South - May/1948; New South - June/1947)

May 20, 1958

Mr. Robert Thompson
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is our check for $35.75 for 275 copies of your reprint from Phylon.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

MEMORANDUM May 20, 1958

To: SRC Consultants

From: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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At long last, here are the minutes of the meeting of consultants held here in Atlanta a year ago.

We regret the long delay in getting these out, but hope they will still prove to be helpful.

All good regards.

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May 20, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

At long last here are the minutes of the Consultant Service Program Conference of consultants held here in Atlanta last year. Due to a mix-up caused by my being out of town and apparently not being explicit in my instructions before I left, they were not mailed on completion. My apologies to you.

I am sending six (6) copies for distribution to your Board if you see fit.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures - 6 (Minutes of Consultant Service Program Conference - May, 1957)

May 20, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

Enclosed is the first draft of your report. Thought you'd like to see it. This draft is now being circulated to the participating agencies.

Harold plans to write. For the moment, however, he's at home - knocked out with a stomach virus.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

May 21, 1958

Mrs. James D. Cherry
307 Chesapeake Avenue
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Cherry:

At long last, here is the list of people committed to the Tenneseee Council on Human Relations who live in the Memphis area. The Reverend J. A. McDaniel is vice-president of the Tennessee Council and is the executive director of the Urban League in Memphis. Mr. Lucius Burch is a prominent attorney in Memphis. All of these are good people, and I hope you will relate your efforts to them.

The Virginia Council will sadly miss your wise counsel and active interest. The Tennessee Council can sorely use them.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (List of Memphis Contacts)

LIST OF MEMPHIS CONTACTS

Reverend J. A. McDaniel
546 Beale Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. Alberta Boartfield
4835 Avondale Road
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Lucius E. Burch, Jr.
Court Square Building
128 N. Court Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Mr. Earl A. Crowder
3538 Shirlwood
Memphis, Tennessee

Reverend Charles Mickle
764 Wallor Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Mrs. Ann H. Rickey
822 Charles Place
Memphis, Tennessee

May 21, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

This is belated but grateful acknowledgement of the copy of your May 6th memorandum on "Southern Bombings." We should like very much to have a dozen copies of it and a similar number of the memorandum on FBI jurisdiction which you mentioned as in preparation.

I read with great interest the newspaper accounts of the meeting in Miami.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 21, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director - Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

I am sorry I didn't get a reply to you before your workshop on May 17th, but I trust that Fred conveyed in full our joint judgment on the questions you raised in your last letter.

I am sorry that Hugh Brimm is having to step out, but I feel confident that the Kentucky Council will work out a new and effective plan of staffing. From what Fred told me this morning of the workshop, you obviously have the basis for sound program and support. We will look forward to working with you in every way we can in realizing this important potential.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I am interested in your suggestion that SRC poll organizations which hold national conventions and also publish a list of nondiscriminatory Southern sites. Do you know whether this idea is going begging or whether other organizations are considering the project? If the former, we may be able to work out something.

H. C. F.

May 21, 1958

Mr. Paul D. Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for taking time out of a busy day to write me in advance of the Executive Committee Meeting last week. We all missed you, but fully understood the importance of the matter that kept you away.

It was a good meeting in every way - excellent attendance, good participation by everyone, and a mood of good fellowship. I think the positive spirit of the meeting was due in part to the fact that we are in sounder financial condition now than we have ever been before. Not that we don't have plenty of fund-raising to do, but its a job of building on our existing support rather than the kind of desperate emergency that has so often characterized our fiscal affairs.

Father Sigur was present and contributed much to the life of the meeting. We are taking several steps to involve him more closely in the Council's work, including membership on an advisory committee for our work with college-serving groups.

I hope we will be together again before too long, for I value your friendship and continued identification with the Council more than I can say.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. We haven't yet received our annual contribution from UAW, but Paul Christopher tells me that they are postponing all contributions until the situation in Detroit is clarified. Paul feels that we will probably get $1,000 - the same as last year - but not the increase we requested, due to the present difficulties.

H. C. F.

VIA AIR MAIL May 21, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Happy to know that you will be able to attend the meeting on May 27th.

Mrs. Murphy informs me that she will be able to arrange a suite for you. Therefore, we look forward to seeing you and the family on May 27th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

May 21, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman, Treasurer
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

I find that we have not yet acknowledged the Fund for the Republic's matching grant of $2,500 for an internship in intergroup relations for the Florida Council on Human Relations during 1958-59.

This assistance will both further the sound purposes of the NAIRO-sponsored program and ~~will~~ strengthen the important activities of the Florida Council. We are grateful to the Fund for this further contribution to constructive effort in the South and are happy to receive the grant for this special purpose. Our official receipt is enclosed.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

May 21, 1958

Mrs. W. B. Redmond, Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
Glenn Memorial Church
1976 North Decatur Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Redmond:

This is to acknowledge, with warm appreciation, the contribution of $25.00 from the WSCS of the Glenn Memorial Church. This contribution is of great value to the Southern Regional Council in terms of both material support to our work and the spirit of friendship and cooperation which it signifies.

We cherish our long-standing ties with the Methodist women of the South and are deeply encouraged to feel that the work of the Council justifies their confidence and support.

With kindest regards to you and your fellow members,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

May 21, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting & Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of May 14. Your suggestions for our further study of Negro registration and voting in the South are very helpful.

Enclosed is a recent newspaper article from the Columbia, South Carolina State which may be of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Columbia State Article, 5/14/58:
"Negro Voter Registration Ranging 9 to 20...")

May 21, 1958

Miss Eleanor Kask
The World Publishing Company
119 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Miss Kask:

This is in grateful acknowledgement of the advance copy of Harry Golden's book, Only in America, just received. I am looking forward eagerly to reading it, in the full certainty that it will be a delightful and instructive experience.

Like all of Harry Golden's many admirers, we are happy to see his rare wisdom made more widely available in this book. You can be sure that we will do all that we can to increase the market for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Harry Golden

May 21, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I appreciate you bringing us up-to-date on Dr. Margolis's situation. Fred has had a letter from the AAUP indicating that they are making an investigation, though they are not optimistic about establishing any evidence of reprisal against Dr. Margolis. If anything further about this matter comes to your attention, we will be grateful to you for sharing it with us.

Miss Weathers has probably told you about my call last week and the action she took at my request. This was promptly and admirably handled, and I want you and her to know that we appreciate it. It looks as though the Fund for the Republic will make it possible for SRC to buy up the remaining copies of South Carolinians Speak and arrange for their distribution. If this works out, I will be consulting you about any further distribution needs in South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 21, 1958

Mr. Leo Marquard
c/o Carnegie Corporation of New York
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Marquard:

It was very thoughtful of you to write us so fully about your interview with Georgia's version of the "real live nationalists." This kind of "feed-back" is very helpful to us, and you can be sure that we will treat it in complete confidence.

My colleagues and I greatly enjoyed the several hours we spent with you and Mrs. Marquard. I could only wish that I had had more time, under more leisurely and sociable circumstances, to get to know you both. You can be sure that if any of us get to South Africa, you will be high on our list of friends there.

With warm regards to you both,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 21, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Wilton:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to Phil Hammer and your attached note. I am delighted that Phil has agreed to come to the conference and that your attendance apparently is shaping up well in every other respect. Have you heard anything yet from Ashmore or Popham?

Yes indeed, the Rockefeller Brothers Fund will be considering us at its Board meeting next week. Dave Freeman joined that staff after our negotiations were under way, but I am sure his influence is at work in our favor. Your own prayers are invited.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 21, 1958

Mr. Robert L. Kirkpatrick
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick:

Thank you for your letter and biographical sketches of Miss Stallmach. I have made tentative engagements for Miss Stallmach at the Educational TV Station here in Atlanta for Friday, and we here at the Council will be glad to brief her on our work in race relations in general.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

May 21, 1958

Mr. H. L. Borders
Station WETV
Rockledge Drive
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Borders:

Thank you for your offer of assistance concerning Miss Irene Stallmach of Cologne, Germany, in her visit to Atlanta on Friday of this week. Miss Stallmach will probably visit your office just prior to 11:00 a.m. or 1:15 p.m. since you indicated programs of interest would be starting at these hours.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encl. Biographical sketch of Miss Stallmach

May 22, 1958

Reverend Norton R. Campbell
107 Yancey Drive
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Campbell:

Mr. Tilly and I both wish to thank you for the courtesies you showed to us and also for the privilege of being with your group Monday evening. It was a most heartening experience. It gives me joy to see our younger preachers so unafraid to face social issues--your Dr. Cook of Zion Church is a great soul.

The group so freely asking questions was evidence of the confidence they have in each other.

I am enclosing a copy of the analysis of the Civil Rights legislation passed last year by Congress. It is regretable that the Civil Rights Commission was authorised for only two years, beginning last September and its chairman has just now been confirmed by Congress. Thus it has but little more than a year to function.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

May 22, 1958

Mrs. Clayton Calhoun
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Calhoun:

Blake Craft was in the office of Rev. Bruce Wilson of the Georgia Temperance League last week. Mr. Wilson said Blake was disturbed about the study "In Every Place A Voice" the women of Augusta had had and he stated he was writing "a rebuttal."

I am not sure who or what he is going to "rebut" - the teacher or the book. I know you will appreciate this funny information, as it may have been you that did the teaching.

Love and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

May 22, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
   Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear A. C.:

It has been two weeks since I sent you the vita sheet on Glenn Canfield as a possible candidate for the job as Executive Director of the Tennessee Council. I also understand that a lady, formerly with the National Conference of Christians and Jews, has applied for the position. Has the Tennessee Council's Personnel Committee met and considered these applications?

We are anxious to be of help in any way possible. If you have any suggestions how we may be more helpful, please feel free to call on me. We are not trying to rush the Tennessee Council into hiring anybody, but are anxious, of course, to get the show on the road.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Vita Sheet on Glenn O. Canfield)

May 22, 1958

Mr. G. W. C. Brown
Supervisor
Evening College and Adult Services
Virginia State College
Norfolk 12, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brown:

Your letter came while I was out of the office on an extended field trip. Hence, the delay in an answer.

Unfortunately, I am otherwise committed during the period of July 6-19. I would suggest three other people, any one of whom would make an excellent choice.

(1) Dr. Lee Coleman
Department of Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

(2) Mrs. Bonita Valien
Department of Social Science
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

(3) Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

I am sorry over the delay in answering your letter and your generous invitation, but I trust you will understand.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

May 22, 1958

Reverend F. G. Shelnutt
1611 Mimosa Drive
Marietta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shelnutt:

The Tillys are still thrilled over your interracial meeting Monday night. It was like a "shot in the arm" to both of us.

We were impressed by the very frank questions of the Negroes present and the sincerity of the white laymen. Dr. Cook of Zion Church is really a minister and statesman. We were very impressed with him.

Our greatest joy was in you and Mr. Campbell. There is a lot of hope in our church in the courage and social vision of our younger ministers.

You asked about the trouble at Albany. It grew out of a political campaign. The mayor and councilmen had been most cooperative with the group. Taxi Smith, a Talmadge follower and a race-hater, ran against the mayor and ran on a hate campaign. Your group is not in this position.

Please accept the thanks of the Tillys for the privilege of being with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 22, 1958

American Veterans Committee
1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 15th offering copies of briefs in certain civil rights cases. Please forward one (1) copy of NAACP v. Alabama, Supreme Court, 1957 (Freedom of Association) to the above address, and bill us for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

May 22, 1958

Reverend S. W. McHarg
Box 70
Norris, Tennessee

Dear Mac:

I had meant to get this off earlier, but had misplaced your address. It was good to be with you in Knoxville; I believe that you and the other Board members of the Knoxville Area Council on Human Relations are going about things the right way, and you have a good staffer in Galen Martin.

I am enclosing "The Origins and Aims of SRC" as it was placed in the Congressional Record by Sen. Paul Douglas. It, I feel certain, contains the material you wanted.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec
Enclosure

May 23, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have just received a copy of your letter of May 21 to Senator Douglas.

I can see no objection at all to your preparing a statement, as a private individual, for insertion in the Congressional Record along with others. Whether or not the Southern Regional Council could circulate reprints of the statements from the Record is another question. Assuming that the statements will be in support of the specific legislation proposed by Senator Douglas and others, this would seem to make it a political question and thus one with which the Council should not be associated. Of course, if the statements deal only with civil rights in ~~and~~ their broad aspects and do not advocate or oppose a specific measure, there would be no problem. But this is a matter that we can consider later on in the light of what Senator Douglas does.

It was good to be with you before and during the Executive Committee meeting last week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC: John Hope, II

May 23, 1958

Mr. Charles Steele
Executive Secretary
Louisville Urban League
608 W. Walnut Street
Louisville 3, Kentucky

Dear Charlie:

Many thanks for your kind and very welcome letter of May 21. Fred has given me a very enthusiastic account of the May 17th workshop, and we are more than pleased that SRC could make some contribution to its success.

It is a matter of some satisfaction to all of us that the Kentucky Council has such good leadership. I feel confident that the problem of staffing will be effectively handled and that the Kentucky Council will be a vigorous force for progress in the state. Your leadership and that of the Louisville Urban League will be vital to this achievement.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL May 23, 1958

Mr. Leslie Dunbar
Mount Holyoke College
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Les:

I was glad to get your letter letting us know you expect to reach Atlanta on June 2nd or 3rd.

Paul Anthony, of our staff, has talked with Donald R. Moore, Supervisor of Housing at Emory about the possibility of your occupying a faculty efficiency for the summer. While the school has a policy of renting only to people connected with it, Moore was very encouraged. In fact, he all but assured Paul that they could take care of you. However, Moore would like for you to write him directly requesting the efficiency and giving him your approximate arrival and departure dates. In writing him, note that there is no longer an Emory University post office; it is now changed to Atlanta 22, Georgia.

Since you gave this arrangement as your preference and since Moore sounded so sure that it would be worked out, we will assume that this one is solved unless some unexpected hitch should develop.

I am looking forward to having you with us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

This will acknowledge your letter of May 22, which arrived just as I was preparing the enclosed memorandum on aid to the state groups.

As you will see, we are not yet in position to make a firm commitment beyond 1958, but at least we are able to extend the present arrangement definitely through the last quarter of this year. I hope this will be of some small comfort.

It is a great pity that this badly needed work has to be carried on in an atmosphere of financial uncertainty. But you and Courtney and I are veterans enough by now to accept this unhappy reality with a certain amount of resignation.

All good wishes to you and the South Carolina Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Memo on State Aid)

cc: Mr. Courtney Siceloff

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM May 23, 1958

To: Executive Directors and Chairmen
of State Councils on Human Relations

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Re: **FINANCIAL AID FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL.**

As you know, the present arrangement of state aid runs for the fiscal year October 1, 1957 to October 1, 1958. At its meeting last week, our Executive Committee considered the aid program in the light of SRC's current financial status and prospects. It now appears that, if we continue a healthy fund-raising effort, we will raise our minimum budget for the calendar year 1958. Accordingly, the Executive Committee has instructed me to notify you that the state aid program now in effect will definitely continue through the last quarter of this year - that is, until December 31, 1958. This will have the desirable effect of putting our arrangement on a calendar rather than a fiscal year basis, and gives you some prospect for the remainder of 1958.

Of course, SRC hopes to be able to provide continuing financial assistance to the functioning state groups beyond this year. I only wish it were possible for us to give you now the definite assurance of the availability of aid in 1959, and the level which may be expected. Unfortunately, SRC's own financial prospects for 1959 are as yet too uncertain for us to make such a firm commitment. Because of the way the Fund for the Republic's terminal grant was programmed, our expectable income next year drops very sharply. So final action on 1959's state aid will have to await SRC's Annual Meeting of November 11, 1958, at which time our prospective income should be clearer.

As one of the Executive Committee members colorfully put it, "Our intentions toward the young lady are honorable, but we can't tie the knot until we are sure of enough income to support her."

Of one thing you can be sure: SRC deeply values your dedicated efforts and will do everything within its power to assist you in continuing effective work.

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May 23, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
Secretary
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

I know you will have seen the enclosed AP story on the Southern Baptist Convention. But I thought you might like to have the version that ran, front page, in the Atlanta Constitution this morning.

We were deeply pleased by these developments, and particularly by the much deserved support of the Fund for the Republic which emerged.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (News Clip - Atl. Constition - 5/23/58:
"Fellowship With All Races Urged...")

May 23, 1958

Mr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Board of Church Extension
Presbyterian Church in the U. S.
Division of Christian Relations
341-B Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 5, Georgia

Dear Malcolm:

This is belated but heartfelt congratulations to you on the fine and courageous stand taken by the General Assembly. This is a magnificent and much deserved tribute to you and all you have done to awaken the conscience of the Church.

I know you are pleased, as we are, to read the news from the Southern Baptist Convention this morning. Maybe this might be called a beneficent chain reaction.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

I am awfully glad that you and Liz got together with Fred Routh and that you were able to hear his talk. Fred and I both would be happy to have you make any use you like of his transcribed remarks. If there is anything we've got lots of, it's analysis and interpretation. Call on us anytime we can supply more.

As for the proposed project, we have been at work on the search for the right person to do the job on a temporary basis. While we haven't yet nailed anybody down, we are close to doing so. At this point, I think I can give you definite assurance that we will follow through within the terms laid down in your good prospectus, at a cost not to exceed $1,000. We would aim to have the bibliography in your hands by the end of the summer, or earlier. Meanwhile, once the project person is selected and at work, we will see that you get periodic progress reports.

I am delighted that Ralph came through so handsomely on Willie Mae. I was sure that he needed only to read it to be enchanted.

It was grand having you back in the fold again, though all too brief. I hope the Company's Southern exposure will serve to put you and Liz in this territory often.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Your letter of May 16th addressed to Emory Via has been referred to me since Emory is out of town, and will be, I'm afraid, until May 26th. Our reference files offer almost no material of the type you need - recent developments on unions and the race issue in terms of resistance groups activity. We are enclosing some clips and articles which I'm sure you've seen; none of them are in terms of resistance groups.

I've looked through Emory's files, too, unsuccessfully.

I will call your letter to his attention on the 26th, and if he knows of such material, I'm sure he'll contact you immediately.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures: "Union Attacks Racist Agitation in Organization," ATLANTA DAILY WORLD, 3/5/58
"Labor Unions' Dixie Drives Fizzle," ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, 3/2/58
"New Weapon for Union Busting," IUD DIGEST, Winter, 1958
"Race Hate: Newest Union-Busting Weapon," THE PROGRESSIVE, 1/58 - by James B. Carey
"Reuther, Most Dangerous Man in U. S., Controls Democrats," THE AUGUSTA COURIER, 5/19/58

May 23, 1958

Mrs. Ruby Hurley, Regional Secretary
National Association for the Advancement
of Colored People
859½ Hunter Street, N. W.
Room 107
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hurley:

We have made copies of Florida Senate Bill No. 347, and House Bill No. 527 and are returning them herewith. Thank you very much for letting us use them.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 2

May 23, 1958

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

Many, many thanks, old friend. It was a very warm and stimulating experience that you arranged for me.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1958

Mr. John R. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Since I talked to you yesterday, I have found that Ben Sissel is to be here for a meeting Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. This being so, I will defer any action on the matter until I have talked with him. I will let you know what results.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 23, 1958

Commerce Clearing House, Inc.
4025 W. Peterson Avenue
Chicago 46, Illinois

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain copies of the texts of certain laws passed by state legislatures in recent years and also the records of proceedings of hearings held by several state legislative investigating committees. Your Atlanta representative, Mr. Griffeth, states that you will be able to provide us with such material, extracted from the Advance Session Laws Reports or other sources, at a nominal cost. We are listing and describing below the materials we would like to order. Please bill and send one (1) copy of each of the first three items, all legislation, to my attention in care of the Southern Regional Council.

1. LOUISIANA: House Concurrent Resolution No. 27, 1954, creating a Joint Legislative-Committee for the purpose of "carrying on and conducting the fight to maintain segregation of the races" in the state. (Rainach Committee.)

2. FLORIDA: Chapter 31498, 1956 Extraordinary Session, Acts of Florida, creating a committee to make investigations of the activities of organizations "advocating violence or a course of conduct which would constitute a violation of the laws of Florida." (Johns Committee.)

3. SOUTH CAROLINA: 1958, legislation recommended by Governor Timmerman and approved by the General Assembly in their recently terminated 1958 session, authorizing the establishment of a 6 man permanent committee to investigate Communist activities in the state. (Offered by the House Ways and Means Committee, during the week of February 17-22, 1958.) We do not have the bill number, but hope the above description will identify the legislation.

The following items are records of state legislative committee hearings. Please let us know the approximate cost (of one copy of each item) before sending this material.

4. FLORIDA: A record of the February, 1958, hearings of the legislative committee described above, headed by Charles E. Johns, held in Tallahassee (February 10th, 11th, 12th) and Miami (February 26th, 27th, 28th). If records of any other hearings of this committee are available and can be ordered without specific description, we would like to obtain one (1) copy of each.

5. LOUISIANA: A record of hearings held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 7th, 8th, 9th, 1957, by the legislative committee on segregation headed by State Senator William Rainach, to find "the causes of racial unrest in the South." As in the case of the Florida legislative committee, we would also like one copy of any other recorded hearings of the Rainach Committee.

6. VIRGINIA: Any available records of hearings held by the Joint Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice of the General Assembly of Virginia (authorized by Chapter 34 of the 1957 Virginia Acts, and referred to as the Boatwright Committee) during 1957-58.

Corrected on orig.

7. VIRGINIA: Any available records of hearings held by the Committee on Law Reform and Racial Activities (created pursuant to Chapter 37, 1956 Extra Session Acts of Virginia, headed by Delegate James M. Thomson), in particular, the hearing in Arlington, Virginia, September 19th and 20th, 1957.

Thank you very much for your attention to this order.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

May 23, 1958

Mr. James R. Robinson
Executive Secretary
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for the proofs to the CORE pamphlet on Nashville. We think it very good especially in its recounting of specific techniques employed by those persons interested in integration in Nashville.

However, we find ourselves unable to purchase a large number of copies. We would be interested in a hundred of the pamphlets, without imprint, if the price on that quantity is not prohibitive.

As to the matter of the New South mailing list, it has long been a set policy by our Board of Directors that the New South mailing list shall not be used for any outside purpose. Since this list is chiefly composed of members of the individual state groups, you would be able to reach most of them through the directors of the individual groups. Did you propose sending the pamphlet to this list of persons or was the plan to use promotional folders? In either case, I think the state directors of the various Human Relations groups would be happy to cooperate.

Another suggestion: the Consultative Conference on Desegregation has a Mass Media Committee which reaches most all of the

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agencies working in this field. The director of that committee is Harry Fleischman, Director, National Labor Service, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York. I should think Mr. Fleischman could be of immeasurable aid in promoting such a piece and would probably welcome a chance to read the proof.

Again, congratulations on the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Copy: Anna Holden

May 26, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Many thanks for calling to our attention the wretched ad in the North DeKalb Recorder and Norcross News. I discussed this with our legal counsel, Joseph Haas, and he has written the McCoy firm as enclosed. I'll let you know what, if anything, results from this.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Ltr. written by Joseph Haas - dtd.5/23/58 for SRC.)

May 26, 1958

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

In answer to your letter of May 23, 1958, concerning *New South* subscriptions, Mrs. Alexander tells me that due to personnel changes that group of *New South*'s subscribers was late getting names on stencils. She says that these names are included for the April issue and it is in the mail now. If there is any additional delay, please let me know.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee

May 26, 1958

Mr. Leo R. Dratfield
Director of Distribution
Contepporary Films, Inc.
267 West 25th Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Dratfield:

Thank you for your letter of May 5th concerning the rental of the film, "The Lady From Philadelphia." However, in our earlier inquiry to C. B. S., we expressed interest in purchasing a copy of the film.

We believe there would be considerable value in showing the film to Southern groups, many of whom would not or could not pay a reasonable rental fee. To insure wide circulation of the film in the South, we would like to purchase a copy which could be circulated by us either without cost or for a nominal handling charge.

Therefore, at your convenience, would you please inform us of whether or not copies of the film can be purchased, and if so, the cost per copy.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Southern Regional Council

MEMORANDUM May 27, 1958

To: Harold C. Fleming

From: Emory F. Via

You will recall that we discussed several general themes that might be included in a foreword to the intimidation and violence report. Three items came up for specific mention: (1) McGill's editorial condemning the misuse of the memory of the Confederacy and putting the monkey on the back of Southern leadership which gave a protective umbrella for acts of violence and intimidation; (2) The important civil liberties issues an overtone in the pattern of violence and intimidation and what these mean for a free society; (3) Some pointed reference to the non-public but verifiable incidents of intimidation and,on occasion, of violence - such as those numerously reported incidents of silencing or reversing programs and activities in institutions of higher learning.

That's the way I recall it.

Southern Regional Council

MEMORANDUM May 27, 1958

To: HCF and PA

From: EFV

Re: Idea for a Conference of College Presidents.

Since I am in a memo writing mood, I thought I would throw this one in the hopper for possible, future reference.

The basic idea, you will recall, is to pull together key college presidents from the South, plus a selection of strong college presidents from other sections of the country. Added to this group might be selected representatives of such groups as the AAUP or accrediting agencies.

The reference would not focus on desegregation as such, but on several fundamental problems to any institution of learning. These would be: (1) problems of academic freedom, its nature and protection; (2) interpreting the role of an educational institution to a board of trustees, giving specific help on the problems of meeting the boards squarely in terms of controversial issues and how to effectively use the president as a protection of the legitimate role of the educational institution; (3) a proper view of public relations when a controversial issue arises.

My crude summary of this point is to get across the point that there is a basic difference between handling a panty raid and some major public issue. The P.R. Tykes advising college prexies are all too likely to give the same kind of advice in interpreting the university on both kinds of issues.

These suggestions, of course, do not answer such important questions as who sponsors? Who speaks? Who pays. Obviously, this would need to be a very high-level affair even though it could be largely or entirely off-the-record.

One of the aims would be to create a sense of common interest among college presidents in the South so that they could have some feeling that they would be presenting a common front as to the role of colleges and their heads in modern society.

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May 27, 1958

Miss Loretta Willcox
Office Secretary
Student Y. W. C. A.
831 S. W. Sixth Avenue
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Miss Willcox:

In reply to your letter of May 23rd, we are very sorry to have to inform you that "Integration - North and South" is out of print.

We are enclosing a list of other publications which are available. If any of these materials will fit your needs, we will be glad to fill your order before the June 13th workshop.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

CC: Miss Loretta Willcox
Office Secretary
Student Y. M. C. A.
909 Fourth Avenue
Seattle 4, Washington

May 27, 1958

Mr. Gloster B. Current
Director of Branches
NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Current:

It is our understanding from Mrs. Ruby Hurley that NAACP branch offices have recently compiled data on the treatment of Negroes in transportation facilities in the Southern states. The Southern Regional Council is currently engaged in a survey of desegregation in bus, train, and air lines waiting room facilities, and we wonder if there is any possibility of our securing the results of your study for use in our survey? We are concerned with the extent of segregation in waiting room facilities themselves (waiting rooms, restaurants or counters, and rest rooms), and with the patterns of usage by transients. If possible, we would also like to determine if segregation exists in cab service and air lines limousine service.

Although we have forwarded questionnaires to a number of Southern cities (roughly, five in each Southern state, selected on the basis of population), returns are sometimes incomplete and give the impression of scanty knowledge on the part of the informant. If you could allow us to use your study as a check on and supplement to our findings, we would be very grateful. We, of course, will make our findings available to you on completion. Our aim is merely to document progress in this area.

Thank you very much for any help you can give us.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
CC: Mr. Robert Carter
General Legal Counsel, NAACP

May 27, 1958

Mr. Robert I. Hunneman, Treasurer
The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Incorporated
53 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Hunneman:

The check for $2,000 from The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Incorporated for the Fellowship of the Concerned has been received. For which you may know that I am very grateful.

In anticipation, I went to Alabama a few days before receiving the check and met with my two fine leaders who have worked together in the Fellowship;

Mrs. Earl Andrews of Montgomery, a Presbyterian
Mrs. Candler Tatum of Birmingham, a Methodist.

Both of these women have held responsible places in their denominations and are well known and well received in Alabama, and in fact in the South.

We three had a day of rejoicing that we would have funds to do rather intensive work in the state most perturbed over the Supreme Court decision in integration of the schools.

Each will receive $50.00 a month; twenty-five to be used to make it easier to leave home and twenty-five for travel and other expenses.

Some plans have been made to use the other $1,000 in Mississippi but they are not completed as yet.

Please let the Board of The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust know of our thanks and appreciation.

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Enclosed you will find a receipt. I think you understand the Southern Regional Council does the banking for the Fellowship of the Concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosure

May 27, 1958

Mr. Gordon W. Allport
Executive Secretary
The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust
Emerson Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Allport:

We received the check for $2,000 from The Ella Lyman Cabot Trust, Incorporated from the treasurer, Mr. Robert I. Hunneman. Enclosed is a copy of the letter we have written to him, but we wish also to express to you our gratitude.

We will let you know from time to time of the work that is being done. The letter to Mr. Hunneman will give you some idea of how we are beginning.

Deeply appreciative to you and the Trust, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

May 27, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions of The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Thelma:

I want you to know that I deeply appreciate your letter of May 22. I know so well that you had no time to see anyone at the Assembly. To me the Assembly was one of the greatest meetings I have ever attended. It made me so uncomfortable and disturbed. It certainly made you weigh your own church programs and your own purposes.

My local church has already had some echoes from the meeting and they too are thinking very seriously about how much in earnest we are over conditions of the world. I am sure all persons who attended the meeting returned home with an uncomfortable feeling after hearing the challenges hurled at us. I know you had a large part in building this program and I am deeply grateful.

Now as to your question, as to my "pitching in some of the big issues" in the discussion, you may well know I tried and my group was receptive. They came from such different sections of the country, not many of them had ideas to suggest. Maybe I "took over too much." I am praying the Reciprocal Trade Agreement will go through. It is sad to me that Carl Vinson was Georgia's only House member to vote for its renewal.

I will most certainly come to Junaluska. We could spend the night at some motel near by. Mr. Tilly loves to do this. You can think through this and let me know what day will be best for you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 27, 1958

Mrs. Harold K. Hughes
650 Lakeside Drive
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

Thanks so much for your card regarding the "Face of the South." We appreciate your suggestion to include a copy of the film's script when it is sent for a showing.

Enclosed is a script prepared by the Broadcast and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. We are in the process of duplicating this script for our own use and will have it included with the film in future mailings.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 28, 1958

AIR MAIL

Mrs. Dorothy Dunbar Bromler
W. M. C. A.
415 Madison Avenue at 48th Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Bromler:

I regret that I was out of the city when your letter and telegram came. I sincerely hope Dr. Bennett accepts. For years I have studied and used his books on social action.

I know Mr. O'Gara only as editor of Commonweal, but this is enough to know, to feel he will be a splendid addition to the Board. I know something of your last two listed alternates and Rev. Edward O. Miller must be fine if Pat says so. So I would say ask Dr. Miller first, if Dr. Bennett refuses. I wired you I agreed to a smaller Board unless we could secure strong people.

Wishing you success in this most important undertaking, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy R. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DRT:lec

May 28, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
Christian Life Commission of the
  Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Enclosed are the clippings from the Atlanta Constitution of May 23 which you requested. I am also including several other bits of publicity in which I feel you would be interested.

As I mentioned over the telephone, all of us here were pleased and gratified at the excellent work of the Southern Baptist Convention and we readily recognized the major role you played in that good work.

The interagency meeting has been completed and we will send you the minutes as soon as they are prepared. All here expressed regrets that you could not be at the meeting. However, your absence was readily understood.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - Newspaper Clippings

May 28, 1958

Dr. Malcolm Calhoun
Presbyterian Center
341 Ponce de Leon Avenue, N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

All of us of the various denominations owe the Presbyterians very much for their steadfastness and leadership in the realms of justice and brotherhood.

Everyday Mr. Tilly and I read carefully all the news that was reported from your Assembly. We breathed a fervent prayer of thanksgiving when the news came that the opposition did not win. Much of the victory, we knew came from your patient and careful guidance through the years.

The final decision on church property ownership won by your denomination in the Florida case, was really a victory for all denominations.

Accept our thanks and congratulation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

May 28, 1958

Mrs. Harold K. Hughes
650 Lakeside Drive
Rock Hill, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Hughes:

Enclosed you will find the script for the film, "The Face of the South." Through an oversight, this was left out of my correspondence to you of yesterday.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 29, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow, Director
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
Twenty South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

Thanks for your letter concerning the proposed legal survey. It arrived in good time, since we discussed this whole question at the Southern Interagency Conference which concluded yesterday. Jean Fairfax may have had a chance to tell you something of the discussion.

The agency staff members present felt generally that the idea of a legal survey was a good one and that the appropriate sub-committee (headed by Tartt Bell) should continue to explore the possibility of getting it implemented. It was our feeling that such a project might be adequately carried out for about $5,000, but admittedly that is a very rough estimate pulled out of the air. I have given some thought to the question you raise about possible foundation support. It struck me that perhaps the Robert Marshall Trust could be interested, but it also struck me that there might be some problem there since the Marshall Trust is close to the ACLU and might feel this project was poaching on the ACLU's territory. In any case, I hope we can keep the door open to the possibility of some effort along these lines, in which AFSC might play a cooperating part. One reason I would like to see this done through the instrumentality of the "Rights of Conscience" program is the experience and understanding of these problems that you have accrued during the past several years.

As to the other questions you raise:

(1) I think it would be unquestionably helpful to have a pool of funds labeled for "assistance to persons resisting investigative exposure." (A better phrase might be "punitive investigation designed to curb freedom of thought, expression, or action.")

(2) Tartt Bell gave me some further idea of the proposal to assist parents who seek to enroll their children in desegregated schools. I should think this would be a very useful category for reserve funds.

(3) I have had little recent word on the financial problems of Hazel Smith, Koinonia Farm, or L. C. Bates. Off-Hand, my feeling would be that these needs are chronic and probably should not divert more of the Committee's limited funds from new and acute cases that may arise. When I saw Gene Cox recently, he told me that Hazel Smith's situation has continued to worsen and that there is little prospect, he feels, of her paper surviving.

I would like to think further about other types of cases which you might want to allow for. I will pass along any further ideas that occur to me and others members of our staff. Meanwhile, if you want to raise any other questions on which you think our views would be helpful, don't hesitate to write me.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I have just heard from Will Campbell that P. D. East is having an exceedingly rough time of it. Will feels very strongly that East is deserving of financial help and that a "Rights of Conscience" issue is definitely involved. I am not in a position to judge the latter point, but you will be hearing directly from P. D. or Will, or both. If the "Rights of Conscience" Committee feels that this case falls within its purview, I would certainly support Will's view that East is performing a real service to Mississippi and the South.

H. C. F.

May 29, 1958

Mr. Arnold Forster
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Arnold:

I have just received your letter, with enclosures, concerning the dispute that arose in Congress over one of the items in your list of bombings.

I am at a lost to account for the error in this listing - for an error there is. I have before me the draft, prepared for us by Margaret Price, which summarizes the incidents of violence and intimidation listed by the press since January 1, 1955. The disputed item is not shown as having occurred in Charlotte, but in Chattanooga, Tennessee. This is how it appears in the text:

> **Chattanooga, Tenn.:** Police investigated the third dynamite incident in Negro sections in less than two weeks. In the latest explosion, a vacant house was practically destroyed and several hundred dollars damage done to another. The houses are in a new subdivision designed exclusively for Negroes. None of the 65 houses is occupied. On October 27 an explosion ripped a hole in a field

> near a Negro area and the following night a house rented by a Negro couple was damaged by a dynamite blast in the front yard. Officers had no theories. (Nov. 5, 1957--Associated Press)

Evidently in the telephone conversation between you and Mrs. Price, there was some mix-up on the name of the city involved. These slips are awkward and embarrassing, I know, and I am sorry that this one occurred. There is a good argument for our exchanging such documentation in written form, but then we are so often rushing to get it done yesterday.

If we can do anything further to help in the retrieving of this situation, let me know.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC sent to: Mrs. William ~~Foley~~ Pauley

May 29, 1958

Mr. Harry Boardman
American Foundation for Political
Education
336 East 43rd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Boardman:

This is a brief note of appreciation to the Foundation for making possible the series of discussions on World Politics here in Atlanta.

The principal concern of the Southern Regional Council is with improvement of race relations in the South. Thus, we have watched with particular interest and gratification the development of this local program in which the participation of people of all races was welcome. It has long been our belief that one of the most effective ways to advance human relations is for people of different groups to get together on an equal basis around some common and unifying concern. The discussion groups on World Politics have exemplified this process, in a field which is critical to our national welfare.

I very much hope that the American Foundation for Political Education will find it possible to continue such activity.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 29, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
Treasurer
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Hallock:

The Fund for the Republic's grant of $1,250 for the purchase and distribution of "South Carolinians Speak" is most gratifying. We will be in touch with Mr. Morris and begin the necessary arrangements with our associated State Councils very shortly.

I will see that you receive a report on the distribution made when it is completed.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

VIA AIR MAIL May 29, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your prompt reaction to the revised Foreign Visitor Request. I am remiss in failing to get the official title of your program correctly put in the draft. Enclosed are two copies of the re-typed page 5, and also the enclosures which we have proposed to include. If you feel that the enclosures are over done, please feel free to make an arbitrary decision as to what should be left out. We are mighty grateful to you for making a personal effort of this.

As to the arrangements for Dr. Moolman, there are probably others who could advise more soundly than we. If you are not particular about his coming South, Emory Via suggests that the University of Chicago has a suitable person whom you probably know - Gilbert White, Geographer, and past president of Haverford. Emory points out that the University of Chicago's planning department is winding up, but there is still an assortment of top planning people on hand.

I note that Moolman speaks of the National Planning Association. If that is a real possibility, I should think it would be a good choice.

In the South, we have thought of Georgia Tech as a possibility. Tech has an excellent department of city planning and also a good industrial development branch, which carries on research and consultation on the economic development of Georgia. We know a few of the people associated with these programs, and if you want us to we will raise the possibility with them.

We are rejoicing over two pieces of good financial news. Harry Meserve brought unofficial word that the Rockefeller Brothers Fund has approved our request, which you may remember was for $40,000 a year for three years to carry on a special "law and order" project. We have also just got a letter from Vernon Eagle telling us that the New World Foundation has approved $15,000 for our Consultant Service Program. So we are in business! Incidentally, we have explored some the possibility of getting Ralph Rose for the RBF position, but it looks most unlikely. If any good ideas occur to you, we will appreciate them.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 29, 1958

Mrs. G. W. Hummel
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hummel:

I hope you are better ere this time. You have done a magnificant work with this Interracial School of Missions and I am grateful to you for giving me the privilege of being on the faculty.

I will be glad to give the devotional message. If possible, let my presentation be last, because I believe it could be a class project worked out to use in the fall seminars. Of course, after I see the class, I will know better, if it can be done this way.

One other thing, so many people these days travel--would it be feasible for me to mimeograph post~~als~~cards and send to you with a check to pay someone to direct them and mail to those coming, asking them if they have any curios, gifts, etc. from the peoples of the countries in "The American Neighborhood"?

I have much material of other kind to bring, but it would be difficult for me to bring anything else.

I haven't checked fully yet, but think now I will come by train to Berea. Will let you know.

Love and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lcc

May 29, 1958

Mrs. Candler Tatum
1801 - 6th Avenue, N, Room 302
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

Here it is--a dream come true and the check is enclosed for the work of The Fellowship of the Concerned in Alabama.

Love and best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

May 29, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

What joy and satisfaction it gives me to enclose this check!

I will reach Tuscaloosa Monday over Southern Airlines, Flight 101, arriving at 8:09 a.m. I will stay with you until Wednesday. I am looking forward with pleasure to the experience.

With love, thanks, and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL May 29, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Blessings on you! There is no way for me to say how joyful, releeved, and strengthened we were by the word of your success in putting through the renewed grant for the Consultant Service Prggram.

Your note giving us the good tidings could not have been more timely. It came just as we were going into the two-day Southern Interagency Conference - the first one since you were here. One of the most important things discussed was the urgency of the situation in Virginia and the critical need for consultant services to rally and assist the constructive forces in that state before the showdown in September. Thanks to the word from you we were able to commit ourselves to a "crash" consultant effort that will benefit all of the organizations that are fighting a good fight in Virginia. John Hope was here for the meeting and is staying over today and tomorrow so that we can get the Virginia push under way. Whatever contribution we are able to make in that decisive situation will be largely thanks to the New World Foundation's grant.

I might add that this seems to be our week for good news. Harry Meserve came down for the Interagency meeting and brought the glad tidings that the Rockefeller Brothers Fund has approved our request. So our debt to you for all your help goes double.

We are also very pleased to hear that you also secured a grant of $5,000 for the North Carolina Council on Human Relations. I agree with your high estimate of John Wheeler, and I am sure that he will see that this grant is wisely and effectively used.

As for the payment of our grant, we are in no urgent need of the cash until the fall. We have the Fund for the Republic's advance grant for next year which we can borrow from for the Consultant Service Program until your grant is in hand. It would greatly help our modest investment program if the New World Foundation grant could be paid about October 1, but we will accommodate ourselves to whatever schedule you find possible.

With warm thanks and good wishes from all of us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

It is a pleasure again to have the opportunity to thank you for another contribution to the Council. The staff will be lastingly grateful to you for your generosity.

Enclosed is the Council's official receipt for $20.00.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

May 30, 1958

Mr. Lyle Tatum
Central Committee for Conscientious
   Objectors
2006 Walnut Street
Philadelphia 3, Pennsylvania

Dear Lyle:

Thanks so much for your prompt reply to my request for information regarding Bob Hughes' voting situation in Birmingham.

It is my understanding that Bob will make another approach to the Registrar at a proper time when a full discussion can be had. Again, my appreciation.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. James E. Turner
Director
Fair Practices Department
United Rubberworkers of America
87 South High Street
Akron 8, Ohio

Dear Jim:

By now you have received the notice that the Labor Seminar at Fisk will be held during the first week of July. I hope that you will soon be in touch with me regarding any follow-up that you would like for me to do with the contacts which you are making.

How would you respond to the idea of a session devoted to the various fair practices and civil rights departments of the International Unions; this would be an opportunity for a representative of each such department to give a quick summary of the kinds of activities they engage in and the role that they see for themselves in various situations in the South. I am not anxious to put anyone on the spot, nor to request information which perhaps is better left confidential, but if there is a desire and a need for such reporting and the sharing which would take place, then we would be more than happy to provide an opportunity for it to be done during the Labor Seminars. Your reaction to this would be helpful.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. Robert Myers
Attorney-at-Law
Rockville, Maryland

Dear Mr. Myers:

Thanks so much for your prompt reply to my request for information regarding Bob Hughes' voting situation in Birmingham.

It is my understanding that Bob will make another approach to the Registrar at a proper time when a full discussion can be had. Again, my appreciation.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. Sam Ezelle
Secretary-Treasurer
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sam:

Thanks for your prompt answer to the letter from Ben and me regarding the Union Seminar to be held at Fisk. We, too, are keenly aware of what the recession has maant in terms of extra-curricular participation. We do feel that the theme of the Union Seminars is crucial and warrants our pushing it as much as possible. We could make available to you or to someone else of your selection, a scholarship which would cover the cost at Fisk. I am afraid that we would not be able to do anything regarding transportation. If this will help out sufficiently, please take advantage of it.

I realize that the Kentucky Labor School program is probably set but if there is any way in which I can be of aid to you in terms of materials or in my own participation, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. Victor Reuther
United Automobile Workers, AFL-CIO
1126 - Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Victor Reuther:

Dr. Herman Long has informed me of his invitation to you to participate in the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. I think you realize that this is a well established and important undertaking; furthermore, it serves as a major forum for reaching the dedicated, the near-dedicated, and even the mass media. This will be the second year in which the Southern Regional Council, in cooperation with Ben Segal's Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights, has undertaken a specialized labor seminar dealing with racial problems in the South as they affect unions. This undertaking makes it doubly important in our eyes to have your participation in the Institute.

I know that you can do an able and provocative job both in terms of human relations needs and resources and how the labor movement relates to them. I trust that you will make every possible effort, despite the many demands on your time and energies, to accept this invitation.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Herb:

Thanks for sending the fraternal delegates' credentials to the 49th Annual N.A.A.C.P Convention. As things now stand, I doubt that my schedule will allow me to attend. I wish it were possible.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

May 30, 1958

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Thanks so much for your prompt reply to my request for information regarding Bob Hughes' voting situation in Birmingham.

It is my understanding that Bob will make another approach to the Registrar at a proper time when a full discussion can be had. Again, my appreciation.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

June 2, 1958

Mr. John B. Morris
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
605 East Cleveland Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

I am glad you wrote about delivery of the copies of "South Carolinians Speak" which we are to acquire under the special grant from the Fund for the Republic. The only reason you have not heard from me before now was due to my absence from the office.

We would be very glad to have the copies delivered by you personally when you are in Atlanta on Thursday. As to the quantity, my understanding was that the remaining stock is approximately 2,500 copies, and the grant of $1,250 from the Fund was intended to purchase this number at the full single copy rate of .50 each. If the remaining supply is smaller than that, we will adjust the amount accordingly, since Hallock Hoffman felt that no more than the single copy rate could be paid. If this should be the case, perhaps any small surplus remaining could be applied to the expense of postage involved in distributing them. But these are matters we can work out when we see you.

At the same time, we will be glad to make any suggestions we can for the graduate school study in which you are interested.

I am glad that the Southern Regional Council can serve as the instrument for assisting the distribution of "South Carolinians Speak" and at least a partial reimbursement of the investment by your group.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 2, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the copy of the application and correspondence with NAIRO concerning the internship to be administered by the Florida Council on Human Relations. Enclosed is our check for $2,500 representing the Fund for the Republic's grant for this purpose.

I will appreciate it if you would mark us in for copies of your periodic reports on the progress of the project.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 4319, $2,500.00)

June 2, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I could not agree more with your excellent syllogism concerning the relationship between tyranny and the suspension of constitutional guarantees. I believe one of your eloquent speeches demonstrating this identity in terms of the Southern situation would provide a beneficial focus to thoughtful Southerners who have sought to evade recognition of the seriousness of recent state actions. I am asking our capable information staff to comply with your request as fully as our files and other files available to us will permit.

In response to your second request, I am sending separately 200 sheets of SRC stationery and envelopes.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 2, 1958

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson
Director, Region 1-D, UAW
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Ken:

My apologies for not answering your letter sooner but it came while I was out of the office on a field trip.

It is possible for me to be with you for the evening session on Thursday, June 19th. I look forward to seeing you then. If you have any further information which you think I may need, please send it along.

Thank you for the kind words about my contribution to the previous summer schools of Region 1-D, UAW.

I had the pleasume of meeting Mildred Jeffrey at the Solidarity House in Detroit when I spoke for the Greater Detroit Religion and Labor Conference.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 2, 1958

Mr. Alfred A. Knopf
Alfred A. Knopf, Incorporated
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

I am glad to assist in putting you in touch with Dr. George Mitchell. His address is simply Glencoe, Argyll, Scotland.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

(SEE ATTACHED LIST FOR PERSONS RECEIVING MEMO)

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

June 2, 1958

From: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

Because of your interest in human relations, I thought you would want to know about this AFSC-High School Seminar.

If you know of any likely candidates, I suggest you have them fill out the application blank. It would be particularly helpful for students who will enter desegregated schools for the first time next fall.

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AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
High School Program
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Seminar in Washington, D. C.
June 23-26, 1958

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE

CAN THE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND RELIGION BE PRACTICED IN WORLD AFFAIRS

APPLICATION BLANK

Please fill out and mail to:

Spahr Hull, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

I wish to attend the seminar to be held in Washington, D. C., June 23-26, 1958

NAME ________________________ M___ F___ AGE______ GRADE______

ADDRESS ____
Number and Street City Zone State

SCHOOL ____________________ PRINCIPAL ____________________

ADDRESS OF SCHOOL ____________________________________

PREVIOUS SEMINAR EXPERIENCE __________________________
(place and date)

OTHER CONFERENCE EXPERIENCE __________________________
(place and date)

RECOMMENDATION ENCLOSED __________

Also enclose a paragraph indicating what phases of the subject you are most interested in discussion.

. . . .

REGISTRATION FOR SEMINAR SPONSORED BY AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Enclosed is a registration fee of $6.00 for seminar to be held in Washington, D.C., on June 23-26, 1958.

NAME ________________________

ADDRESS ____
Number and Street City Zone State

Registration paid by: Self___ School___ Church___ Club___ Other___

If not paid by self, please give name and address of organization:

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(Name of Organization) (Address)

In order to reserve a place in the seminar of your choice, please fill in this slip and enclose with the registration fee of $6.00. Make out check or money order to AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE. Do not send cash. Mail to Spahr Hull, American Friends Service Committee, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia 7, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
WHOSE HOMES ARE IN SOUTHERN STATES
DISCUSS A MAJOR PROBLEM OF OUR TIME
WITH THE PEOPLE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR LAWS

PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICE
CAN THE PRINCIPLES OF ETHICS AND RELIGION BE PRACTICED IN WORLD AFFAIRS

A Seminar for High School Students
in
Washington, D.C.
June 23-26, 1958
Sponsored by
THE AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE
High School Program
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia 7, Penna.

HIGH SCHOOL PEOPLE OF ALL RELIGIOUS AND RACIAL BACKGROUNDS ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THIS SEMINAR. The number of participants is limited to thirty so that each person will have an opportunity to contribute to the thinking of the group. Since in the seven seminars preceding this one, participation came almost wholly from northern states, this seminar is planned for students whose homes are in southern states.

Since 1947 AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE Seminars for Teen-Agers in Washington, D.C., at The United Nations, and in other major cities have challenged high school age people to face, in an atmosphere of free discussion, the major problems of our times. They have met with legislators, judges of the Supreme Court, representatives from other countries, educators, journalists, labor leaders and industrialists. With these people they discuss issues and problems; from them they derive help and inspiration. This is an experience in constructive thinking. It is often the beginning of a search for non-violent ways to settle our problems.

Seminar participants will live, while in Washington, in Gauntt House, 1716 N Street N.W.; will eat most meals at International Student House; will meet resource people in these two places, in government offices, and at embassies.

Each day will begin and close with a voluntary period of meditation and worship. Monday, June 23, after registration at 1:30 p.m. we will discuss our topic among ourselves and in the evening view a film dealing with the topic. Tuesday we will meet with a panel of religious leaders who will discuss: RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES MEN HAVE LIVED BY, and in the afternoon visit embassies. On Wednesday morning the seminar will meet with senators and representatives and attend committee hearings and in the afternoon will visit various non-governmental organizations. Thursday, June 26, we will meet with a leader in the field of human relations who will discuss HOW SHOULD WE ACT IN LIGHT OF OUR PRINCIPLES? The final session of the seminar will be given over to a discussion of THE IMPLICATIONS OF OUR EXPERIENCE and WHAT CAN WE DO? The seminar will close at 3:00 p.m.

Total cost of the seminar (excluding travel to and from Washington) is estimated at $21.00 :

REGISTRATION	$6.00	(Includes insurance, literature, faculty expense)
ROOM	6.00	
MEALS	7.00	
CARFARE	2.00	

TO ATTEND THE SEMINAR PLEASE FILL OUT THE ATTACHED APPLICATION BLANK AND MAIL IT NOW.

FBR MEMO ON AFSC-HIGH SCHOOL SEMINAR SENT TO FOLLOWING:

	Number Sent
Rev. Hubert Beckwith Annandale, Virginia	10
Mrs. Mildred Brown Charlottesville, Virginia	10
Mr. William Cooper Hampton, Virginia	10
Mr. Thomas W. Young Norfolk, Virginia	10
Mr. Harry S. Jones Charlotte, North Carolina	10
Mr. John H. Wheeler Durham, North Carolina	5
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg Louisville, Kentucky	10
Mr. Galen Martin Knoxville, Tennessee	5
Mr. John Hope, II Nashville, Tennessee	5
Mr. William K. Williams Miami, Florida	5
Mrs. Ruby Hurley Atlanta, Georgia	5
Mrs. James D. (Marge) Cherry Newport News, Virginia	10

June 2, 1958

Mr. William H. Tiemann
First Presbyterian Church
Hamilton, Texas

Dear Mr. Tiemann:

We are enclosing some informative material about the Southern Regional Council, for use at your Youth Leadership School.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to the Director
of Information

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Enclosures
(15 Congressinnal Record Reprints)

Sent separately: "Industrialization: Accent on the South" Ben Segal
Hodding Carter Article - LOOK MAGAZINE - March 4, 1958
Reproduced copy of BUSINESS WEEK article, "Despite Tension, The SouthKeeps on Gaining" - Oct. 26, 1957
Reproduced copy of The Christian Science Monitor article, "Hi Y'all of the Southeast U. S. Hails New Era." March 2, 1957

June 3, 1958

Dr. E. Clinton Gardner
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Dr. Gardner:

I am sending you separately several pieces of material, turned up by our information staff, which may be of some help to you in preparing your presentation on the Southern economy. I recommend especially the leaflet, "Industrialization: Accent on the South" by Ben Segal, although written with special reference to organized labor it is a good overall summary.

We were not sure which of John Hope's articles in Phylon you felt would be helpful. The index for 1956 and 1957 shows three articles, two on equality of employment and a more general one entitled: "Trends and Patterns in Race Relations in the South Since May 17, 1954." It may be that we have overlooked one, but none of these seemed wholely relevant for your purposes. If you can clarify this for us, perhaps we can help you secure the article you want.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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SAME LETTER SENT TO:

Mrs. John Harter
Mrs. Preston Samford
Mrs. George W. Carter
Mrs. Margaret Norris
Mrs. B. Wade Graves
Mrs. Roy D. Whitlock

June 3, 1958

Mrs. Mary G. Ball
903 North 9th Street
Gadsen, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Ball:

Mrs. Dorothy Tilly has suggested that you, as an active worker in the Fellowship of the Concerned, might be willing to assist in a project in which we are currently engaged, a survey of desegregation in waiting room facilities in the South. We would be very grateful if you could send us information based on your personal observation of segregation policies and practices in train, bus, and air lines waiting rooms in Gadsen. Specific points we hope to cover are detailed on the enclosed questionnaire sheet.

Thanking you in advance for your help, I am

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bc
Enclosures, 2

June 3, 1958

Mr. Philip M. Stern
Northern Virginia Sun
3409 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington 11, Virginia

Dear Phil:

I had indeed heard that you are now a "Southern editor" and also (by way of the Alumni Magazine) that you have taken unto yourself a wife. I have tried to reach you once or twice on the rare occasions when I was in Washington, but found you away. I hope to be there again soon and will certainly be calling you.

The show-down on segregation in the Arlington schools looks to us like one of the really big and decisive developments in this whole troubled field. From what I know of Arlington, however, I should think that the chances of a local showing of responsibility and constructiveness are good. I am delighted that the Northern Virginia Sun is in such good hands.

I am sending you separately some materials on what other communities have done in preparation for school desegregation. Since you have written Weldon James, I am sure you will get the complete story on Louisville including a book by Carmichael and James. We have a supply of the book and have found it a useful program tool. The materials I am sending you deal with St. Louis, Washington, Baltimore, Milford, and a newspaper critique of Clinton; also one or two things of a more general nature.

I am also sending a copy of the book, "Schools in Transition" by Williams and Ryan which summarizes the school desegregation experience of a number of non-Southern communities. This was based on the research done during the Ashmore project, and while it does not deal directly with Southern experience, I think it contains a good bit of material that is relevant to school desegregation anywhere.

If you want to get directly in touch with people in the communities you write about, I would suggest the school superintendent in each instance as the best initial source.

I will see that you are put on our mailing list for our monthly publication, New South and other materials that we distribute from time to time.

Our Research Assistant says that the back issues of the Race Relations Law Reporter are the best readily available source of court decisions affecting Arlington. She gives the specific references:

(1) Vol. I, pp. 890-892; (1) Vol. II, pp. 59-63;
(3) Vol. II, p. 300; (4) Vol. II, pp. 810-11;
(5) Vol. II, pp. 987-991.

Call on us for any help we can render you or your newspaper.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent Separately:

Williams and Ryan, Schools in Transition
Grambs, Jean D., "A Guide to School Integration"(Pamphlet)
Public Affairs - No. 255
"A Tentative Description and Analysis of School Desegregation Crisis: Holden, Valien, Valien - Pub. by Anti-Defamation League. (CLINTON, TENNESSEE)
"The St. Louis Story..." Valien
"The Right of Every Child" (WASHINGTON Program of School Integration) - Report by Friends Ser. Committee
"Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools"
Thermofaxed copy of "A Summary of Experience in Milford (Delaware), Baltimore and Washington... dealng with school desegregation moves.
N. Y. Times Reprint - "The Louisville Story - Told by Carmichael" Oct. 7, 1956
Reprint from Journal of Negro Education - Winter, 1955 Issue "Section B: Desegregation of Washington Schools..."

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(5) II, pp. 987-991.

H. C. F.

June 3, 1958

Mr. Jerome Crossman
President
Ryan Consolidated Petroleum Corporation
3400 Republic National Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Crossman:

We were delighted to learn of your appointment to the Texas Advisory Committee established by the National Civil Rights Commission. This is a much deserved tribute to your leadership in the betterment of human relations in Dallas and the State.

If we can furnish any information, analysis, or other assistance to you in this important post, I need hardly say that we shall be happy to have you call on us.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 3, 1958

Mr. John ~~Fisher~~ Fischer
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Fischer:

You are to be congratulated on giving Harry Ashmore's wise remarks full play in this month's Easy Chair. Some time ago I talked with Harry about the desirability of reprinting and distributing this presentation. He agreed and felt that the Harper's version would be the one to use.

This, then, is to ask your permission to reprint "The Easy Chair" for June, either by offset here or by arrangement with the magazine, as you prefer.

I appreciated your recent note and hope I can have that lunch with you and Eric when I'm in New York later this month.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 3, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

You will recall that the Executive Committee asked that, in consultation with the staff, you appoint a three-member advisory committee on our work with college-serving groups. The staff has discussed this and suggests that suitable appointees would be Father Sigur, Dean Brazeal, and John Griffin.

If these names meet with your approval, I will be glad to ask them to serve at your request. Once the acceptances are received, we will also notify the Executive Committee of the action taken.

We were, of course, delighted by the good news from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund which Harry Meserve conveyed to us. I appreciated your finding time to talk with him last week.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 3, 1958

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herm:

John Hope told us of your generous offer for half-scholarships for State Staff. Accordingly, we have written them the enclosed memorandum. We will advise you of the specific number the minute we know.

Thanks for this most helpful cooperation. Both Harold and I will be glad to participate in the Institute as you requested. I, on the 8th on, "Community Preparation for School Desegregation"; and Harold on the 9th on, "Voting and Registration."

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Directors, Cooperating State Organizations

FROM: Fred Routh, Assistant Director, SRC

SUBJ.: Annual Staff Meeting

It has been our hope to hold again this year, the annual meeting of the professional staffs of the state councils on human relations. We note that several of you have expressed a similar desire.

I am glad to be able to inform you that we have been able to arrange for the funds necessary for this purpose and our Executive Committee has authorized us to proceed.

We propose to hold this year's meeting in conjunction with the Race Relations Institute at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, the week of July 7-11. Dr. Herman Long, the Director of the Institute, has generously agreed to make available half-scholarships, and SRC will bear all other costs including travel, for the one week session.

Harold Fleming and I will be there one or two days each. This will give us a chance to talk with you and share ideas. We feel that you could profitably attend the Institute's morning sessions and meet together in the afternoons and/or evenings to share with each other experiences, problems, ideas, and techniques.

Will you please let me know post-haste whether or not you will attend. We sincerely hope that all of you can be present.

Enclosures: Microfilm prints - Atl. Journal- Six articles in a series on "Georgia's Fee System" Beginning August 25, 1957 and running through August 30, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL June 3, 1958

Mr. Lawrence Lader
85 East End Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Larry:

At long last we have shaken loose the enclosed copy of the Atlanta Journal's series of last year on the fee system in Georgia. It seemed that the only way to get it was to have the Atlanta Public Library make prints from its microfilm, hence, the long delay.

Since I followed through on this out of my own cussedness, or bullheadedness, there is no reason for you to feel any obligation. But if the series is not too late to be useful -- and is in fact useful -- and if you collect a big fat fee for the article, I will consider letting you reimburse us. Otherwise, I won't.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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June 3, 1958

Mrs. Emma Gray
c/o Dr. Benjamin E. Mays
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Gray:

Here is a rough draft for the revision of the Integration Pamphlet put out by the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. It is not in final form, but should be reviewed by a publications committee.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

Enclosure - 1 (Draft: "THE WILPF BELIEVES")

June 3, 1958

Mr. Sylvan Meyer, Editor
The Daily Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

We are sending you, under separate cover, several copies of the May NEW SOUTH with the Gainesville-Hall County Ministerial Association resolution. Would you see that they get distributed to the proper people there in Gainesville?

We do appreciate your help in getting us this so quickly, also if you see need for distribution of additional copies, please let me know.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 4, 1958

Mr. Wright G. Baker, Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Your letter of May 29th has been referred to me since Dr. George Mitchell, former director of the Council, retired some 18 months ago and now lives in Scotland.

We will be happy to do whatever we can relative to Mr. De Leon's visit to Atlanta. We have contacted the Georgia Hotel and confirmed his reservation.

It is not clear from your letter whether or not you were requesting that we arrange the visit to Georgia Tech. I have attempted to reach the Dean of the School of Engineering at Georgia Tech to determine if plans have been made for Mr. De Leon's visit. Thus far I have been unable to reach him. There will be some complication since the current school term ends on June 6th and the summer session does not begin until sometime after Mr. De Leon's visit.

I will attempt to contact Mr. De Leon at his hotel on Sunday. If you are to be in touch with him you might suggest that he call me at the office on Monday, June 9th, if I am unable to reach him.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

June 4, 1958

Miss Anne Schutzer, Film Librarian
Contemporary Films, Inc.
267 West 25th Street
New York 1, N. Y.

Dear Miss Schutzer:

Thank you for your letter of May 29th concerning the possibility of leasing THE LADY FROM PHILADELPHIA.

We may contact you at a later date to lease one print. However, our immediate impression is that the price of $250 is somewhat excessive in light of the leasing restrictions.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

June 4, 1958

Mr. Edward Boyd
Field Director
Encampment for Citizenship
2 West 64th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Ed:

I have written all state organizations urging a last minute push for candidates for the Encampment.

We have been unable to find a member of a migrant worker's family for the Bucknell scholarship. Suggest you try contacting the following:

(1) Dr. Frank Graham
National Sharecroppers Fund
112 East 19th Street
New York 3, New York

(2) H. L. Mitchell
President
National Agricultural Workers Union
American Federation of Labor
Victor Building
724 Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

(3) Miss Elizabeth B. Herring
Executive Secretary
National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor
1751 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

(4) Clarence Senior
Office of Puerto Ric~~ans~~o of New York

(5) A. E. Cox
National Council of Churches
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

All good wishes for the success of your important endeavor.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

June 4, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Harold and Emory have told me of your query about a person in the white community of Tuskegee whom a "reconciliation team" might contact.

I have talked with Bob Hughes about this and he suggests Mr. Allen Parker, vice-president of the Merchants National Bank (Tuskegee). He is a good and decent person with a concern in our area of interest.

As to a team who might seek to bring about reconciliation, I have no specific suggestions. However, the obvious qualifications for such persons are:

(1) Religiously motivated concern for all people; (2) mature and stable personality; (3) ease of developing rapport with Southern whites; (4) a person with no axe to grind.

But you and AFSC know more of these things than I. I suggest you contact Bob Hughes; Room

1218 Comer Building, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

Sorry to have missed you at the Interagency meeting - all good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

Same letter sent to
Guy Wells, Ga. Council

June 4, 1958

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

On April 2nd I wrote you asking for your suggestions about possible distribution of "South Carolinians Speak." You will recall that the Rev. John B. Morris of Dillon, South Carolina, one of the publishers of the volume, had asked if the Deep State Councils would be interested in distributing this booklet within their respective states. I further wrote that SRC might be able to absorb the cost of the booklets.

I have not had a reply from you, and now developments make it imperative that we proceed on this matter. SRC has accepted a foundation contribution earmarked for the purchase of the remaining stock of "South Carolinians Speak" - about 2500 copies. In turn, we have agreed to see that these volumes are given effective distribution in the Deep South.

Would you please let me know at your very earliest convenience, (1) whether or not you would be interested in making a distribution of this booklet; (2) if so, the type of distribution you have in mind and the number of copies you feel you could use; (3) whether or not you feel your State Council could make a distribution, your suggestions as to other appropriate groups or channels through which distribution could be made in your State.

I might say in passing that Will Campbell of the National Council of Churches has written that he is preparing a report of key religious leaders in the Deep South who would benefit from the booklet. We would plan to make this distribution, or some part of it, ourselves. If we do so, we will supply you with the names in your State who are receiving it from us.

Your earliest reply will be very much appreciated.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 4, 1958

To: Mr. William H. Oliver
United Automobile Workers

From: Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council

Re: THE SOUTHERN WORK OF THE TRADE UNION PROGRAM ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS.

The matter of reporting is always difficult. However, the questions raised by you and Frank Shane are more than welcome because of the interest which they imply and because they pave the way for greater cooperative effort and program effectiveness.

This memo will supply greater detail about my activities, within the bounds of confidential relationships, especially regarding work with UAW.

There are several general principles and methods of operation which I feel are important for us to keep in mind:

(1) The Labor Consultant of the Southern Regional Council conducts a varied program not committed to one technique or approach;

(2) A substantial portion of the work is through individual contact by means of exchanging ideas and providing fundamental information;

(3) Much of the work is confidential in nature - this is either because the situations involved are explosive or because public mention of the activity would be considered an embarrassment (rightly or wrongly) to the union or staffer involved;

(4) Working as a regional program over twelve states, I perform more of a wholesale than a retail function; this means, primarily, working with regional or district staff and through other agencies;

(5) A great deal of time is spent in interpretations: of the South and what is happening here, to Southern unionists; of the unions' role in the South; to outsiders, the practical limitations on union action in the Southern scene; and to Southern and national unionists what can be done in the existing climate and practical situation.

(6) For a number of reasons, I have attempted always to work through staff. This is partly a dedication to the idea of working through channels when working with the labor movement. It is partly a frank recognition that the staff man is one of the chief keys to the whole situation because of both the strengths which his role represents and of the inadequacies in preparation, information, and skills which need conscious remedying. I think that it is self-evident that for organizational and other practical reasons, no program is going to reach local leadership unless it has the assistance and confidence of staff.

(7) My work is part of a general race relations program (SRC) which means that it is frequently geared into strategic approaches to exercise the greatest leverage in a given situation. As an example of what this means, I am currently focusing attention on Virginia because this state will be a key to a whole new phase of desegregation -- my efforts will be geared, in part, with those of other individuals and organizations.

(8) The Labor Consultant's work is aimed at being a "program in context" inasmuch as we have an interpretation of the situation and the kinds of activity which will be meaningful. This point is elaborated in my annual report.

Now for a run-down on some of the activities with UAW and a more specific listing of work done with other AFL-CIO affiliates.

U.A.W. -- I worked with Earl Henderson and Jim Harden to participate in the Southern UAW Summer Institute. The formal program was one long major evening session. In the planning and in side conversations I felt that we accomplished a good bit. You will recall that both Earl Henderson and Julian Fraser attended the Fisk University Institute last year; I had extensive conversations with each of them about their work, UAW locals, approaches to Southern union groups, other labor and human relations orientated contacts in the South, and put each of them into contact with experts at Fisk and in Nashville, who could advise with them on specific problems in which they were interested.

Perhaps my most important direct contribution to the UAW has been extended and frequent conferences with Earl Henderson. It is quite difficult to evaluate the outcome of these conferences, but Earl himself has been laudatory.

In a similar way, I have had occasion to work with Jim Harden. I am not prepared to say what the effect of this work with Jim has been, but perhaps it is sufficient to indicate that we have given him extensive help. There have been several head-knocking sessions in which we discussed racial problems relative to his own program concerns; I have aided him at length on two speeches which he needed to make relative to these problems; Ben Segal participated for and/or with him in a program in Atlanta regarding industrial security.

We hosted and scheduled a team of foreign unionists for the UAW. On the surface, this was a mechanical job requiring a good bit of time and energy. It was much more than this, however, in terms of local union and regional staff involvement. This involvement included getting regional staffers to take unprecedented action on their part to secure facilities for "mixed" meetings in places of public accommodation, (although the actual group was composed only of Europeans, Indians, and Mexicans, the arrangements had been on the basis that it might include Negroes), to provide some opportunity for discussion of the issue as it relates to international affairs and to national union policy, and an introduction of UAW staffers to important Negro leadership (in status, policy, and politics) in the Atlanta area for the first time.

We, of course, had UAW participation in our March Conference and at the Fisk University Conference. I have had running contact with about five other UAW staff men.

We have done such small jobs as to attempt to chase down the scurrilous Christmas card sent to Walter Reuther, sent news clips pertinent to the UAW to appropriate staff persons. One of the Memphis International Harvester local's upsets which looked as if it would explode came to my attention before it came to the attention of regional staff persons; I was instrumental in seeing that they were properly notified as well as a staffer in the Fair Practices Department.

On this occasion and on others, the UAW was notified that my office would be of any and all assistance that was requested.

I cooperated with regional Urban League personnel relative to a request from you for certain kinds of contacts in the Atlanta area which would reveal the employment patterns in UAW plants and the difficulties involved.

Fred Routh, assistant director of the Southern Regional Council has spoken at the F.D.R. Camp in Michigan under regional director Ken Robinson's auspices about the South and its problems; Fred also spoke to the Detroit Religion and Labor Fellowship - the result of work done by Mildred Jeffrey.

From time to time, I send pertinent printed materials to selected members of the UAW staff in the South.

We have involved the UAW's Southern regional fair practices person, Earl Henderson, in the Southern Inter-agency movement. We have also seen that he has had meaningful contacts with other agencies in the given states. This is another area in which he has not only shown appreciation but has acted on the suggestions made.

Incidentally, my participation in various state programs has reached some members and staffers. On these occasions - numbering about six now - I have had side conversations with some of your people. Specific materials, however, were supplied either on the spot or by mail later. Usually these programs centered around the necessity of the labor movement facing honestly and responsibly the problems involved in racial relations. Specific attention was given to the necessity for adequate job opportunities, upgrading, etc. Though this is a difficult part of the program to detail, it does indicate the way in which a specific union's membership may be reached though not tabulated.

June 4, 1958

Mr. John W. Alexander, Assistant Dean
Columbia College, Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear John:

It was good to talk with you on Friday. This is to confirm the substance of our phone conversation.

As you know, four communities in Virginia face desegregation this fall. The state will, no doubt, seek to close the public schools. In two of the four communities, Arlington and Charlottesville, there is considerable support to keep the schools open--even if desegregated.

Jack Marion is leaving the Virginia Council for a position with the Presbyterian Church, USA. We propose to use SRC's Consultant Service Program extensively in Virginia this summer--with emphasis on Arlington and Charlottesville.

Since you are to be in Washington during August, we would like to work out some arrangement with you to be one of our consultants in the Arlington area. We would probably need about two weeks of your time to do this, but final details of our arrangement will be worked out between you and John Hope II, SRC's Chief Consultant.

My purpose in writing this letter is to ask you to reserve time for work with SRC during August. Consultant fees are $35.00 per day--expenses are also covered. Please let me have your reactions to this proposal. We'll send you a

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bale of material on Arlington before long.

Harold Fleming joins me in sending all good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:lec
cc: John Hope, II

June 4, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Harold has passed on to the information department your request for some research into instances of cessation of constitutional guarantees. Marge Manderson, our research assistant, is checking into this for us and has already paid one visit to the library for material.

In the meantime, I would like to ask a favor of you. *New South* has never formally acknowledged Mr. Dabbs election as president of the Council. I wonder if you might consider doing a short profile of Mr. Dabbs for *New South*? Would sincerely appreciate it and I know of no one who could do a better job.

Also, I have been dickering with the printers concerning publication of your speech to the Greater Atlanta Council on Human Relations. The page proofs were returned to the printers yesterday and so we should have the finished product in a few days. The Greater Atlanta Council, the Georgia Council, and SRC are cooperating in publishing this one.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 4, 1958

University of Chicago Press

Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please bill and send one (1) copy of The Economics of Discrimination by Gary Becker to:

Southern Regional Council
Research Office
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Thank you for your attention to this order.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 4, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Stevens:

We here at the Council gratefully remember the kind and efficient job you did last summer in helping us distribute materials of the Southern Regional Council, and Mrs. Tilly has suggested I write you again in connection with the conferences which will be held this summer.

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a collection of materials concerning race relations which we think will be helpful to your groups. We could provide you with the materials enclosed within the paper band plus any two of the New Souths enclosed for a total price of one dollar. If you would prefer dropping some of the material from the packet and adding others we would be more than pleased to consider your suggestion.

We do appreciate your cooperation in the past and will appreciate any future help you may give us.

With all best wishes for your summer work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director or Information

JC:lec

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

June 5, 1958

Mr. Kenneth Clark
Department of Psychology
City College
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed is the edited manuscript on your trip to Little Rock. This version is the one we would like to publish in New South with your permission. Harold Fleming, Fred Routh and I have all had a hand in editing it, but we especially wanted you to look it over and let us know if the editing meets your approval and if you have any additional changes to make.

I am pushing a deadline and want to publish this in the June issue of New South, otherwise I will not have space for it before September and I do think it should be printed as soon as possible. In view of this, I wonder if you will telephone me at your earliest convenience with any suggested minor changes. If there are major changes, you could of course send them air mail special.

We propose a brief forward to the article giving some of the background ~~in~~ a bit of explanation.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee
Enclosure

June 5, 1958

Mr. Galen A. Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Sorry to have missed you at the interagency meeting in Atlanta.

For information on police institutes throughout the country the best contact man is:

Dr. Lewis Radelet
NCCJ - Building for Brotherhood
W. 57th Street
New York, N. Y.

Thanks for the nice words about our Knoxville workshop.

Kind regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/hs

Encls: Maps showing density of Negro pop.
by County - 1950 Census
Commentary on "Face of the South"
Geo. Mitchell

June 5, 1958

Mr. W. Dwight Weed
Office of Research
Nationwide Insurance Company
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Mr. Weed:

I am slow in replying to your letter concerning documentation of the Southern sub-regions outlined by George Mitchell in "The Face of the South." We have had some difficulty trying to figure out what we can send you that will be helpful. George Mitchell's analysis was based on the work of the late Dr. Howard W. Odom and his associates as reported in his book, Southern Regions. However, to identify these broad sub-regions precisely by county would require a great deal more research, which simply has not been done and is not in prospect. In short, George Mitchell's presentation is a broad schematic analysis which has not been reduced to county lines.

There are one or two things that you might find useful. Enclosed is a map prepared from the 1950 census by the Southern Regional Council, showing the density of Negro population by counties in the Southern states. In general and with some expections, this distribution of population conforms to the sub-regional breakdown given in "The Face of the South." That is, the counties shown as having 34 per cent or more Negro population fall mainly in the "Black Belt" or "Old Plantation Belt." (An exception would be Jefferson County, Alabama where Birmingham is located.) The yellow counties shown as having less than 5 per cent Negro population fall mainly in the mountainous sub-region. Those in between comprise the Piedmont South, and the green and pink counties below the "Black Belt" comprise, generally, the Sand and Piney Woods area. This is still very vague and general, but may give you a rough guide.

A very detailed breakdown of the economic sub-regions within the South was prepared some time ago by Donald Bogue. This analysis, which gives a great many factors by county, was published under the title, Economic Sub-Regions of the United States, published I believe by the Department of Commerce; available through the Government Printing Office. I am sure you can secure a copy of this through your local library facilities. Another publication of possible value is Rural Regions of the United States by A. R. Mangus, 1940, Government Printing Office.

I am sorry we cannot be of more assistance, but hope this much will prove helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I thought you might like to have the enclosed transcript of George Mitchell's commentary for "The Face of the South".

H.C.F.

June 5, 1958

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
808 Mamie Street
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

My dear Rabbi Mantinband:

You will recall that I wrote you a couple of months ago about the possibility of some distribution of "South Carolinians Speak" in Mississippi. We have now made arrangements to secure approximately 2500 copies of the booklet and are ready to proceed with such distribution as seems most desirable.

Have you had a chance to read the booklet and to make some judgment of how it might best be used in Mississippi? If so, I would deeply appreciate it if you would let us have your recommendations. If you could supply us with a list of names, we would be happy to make that distribution from here; or alternately, we could supply a specified number of the booklets for distribution out there, as you think best.

I will look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, my warm regards and good wishes to you and Mrs. Mantinband.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 6, 1958

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
LaFayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

You will recall that at the last Executive Committee meeting Dr. Clement, as chairman, was asked to appoint a three-member advisory committee to work with the staff in developing additional services to college-serving groups. Dr. Clement has asked me to extend to you an invitation to serve on this special sub-committee.

The staff joins Dr. Clement in the hope that you will accept. I can assure you that we will do everything necessary to keep the demands on your time to a minimum. But we do need the benefit of your counsel and experience in the college field.

I do hope we may have an affirmative reply from you soon. Meanwhile, best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 6, 1958

Mr. John Griffin
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear John:

You will recall that at the last Executive Committee meeting Dr. Clement, as chairman, was asked to appoint a three-member advisory committee to work with the staff in developing additional services to college-serving groups. Dr. Clement has asked me to extend to you an invitation to serve on this special sub-committee.

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Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same ltr. sent to Fr. A. O. Sigur and John Griffin

June 6, 1958

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Morehouse College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brazeal:

You will recall that at the last Executive Committee meeting Dr. Clement, as chairman, was asked to appoint a three-member advisory committee to work with the staff in developing additional services to college-serving groups. Dr. Clement has asked me to extend to you an invitation to serve on this special sub-committee.

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I do hope we may have an affirmative reply from you soon. Meanwhile, best personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

June 6, 1958

Mr. Philip Hammer
Hammer and Company, Inc.
70 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Phil:

We were happy to get the word from Vernon Eagle that the New World Foundation has approved the 1958 grant of $15,000 in support of the Council's Consultant Service Program. There is no telling how much that lunch you and Morris had with Eagle may have helped.

wow!

While I am on the subject of good financial news, I might pass on the delightful word that we have received notice of a three-year grant of $40,000 per year for three years from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund - a major breakthrough.

With thanks and best regards as always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 6, 1958

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.
Publisher
NORFOLK JOURNAL AND GUIDE
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

We are deeply appreciative of Lin Holloway's excellent feature article in the Journal and Guide of May 31, recounting the history of the Durham conference and the consequent founding of the Southern Regional Council. This is a most timely recollection of an important development in the South's history and points up for the South and the nation the present need for the kind of statesmanlike leadership that emerged during World War II. For us on the Council's staff, the article is a challenging reminder of the role this movement may yet play in the progress of the South if we are wise and imaginative enough to meet the challenge.

Believing that the article should have the widest possible readership, I should like to ask your permission to reproduce it and give it wide distribution. Our immediate thought is that this would be most effective if we simply reproduced the entire page from the Journal and Guide, except for the unrelated story about the Shriners.

I shall look forward to your reply. Meanwhile, my kindest regards and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Thomas W. Young

June 6, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Emory passed along the word that you are expecting eight (8) copies of the Fact-Finding draft to try out on union people. Unfortunately, the Friends Service Committee drained us of all our remaining copies in order to help them make their big decision. We could run off more, but since it is so long and we ~~will~~ shortly have a revised version anyhow, I think it would be better to wait until a hopefully final draft is mimeographed for circulation. I will see that you get ~~a~~ copyes then.

As to your good letter, I guess I can move my trip up a day and be with you on the afternoon of the 19th if that still seems like a good idea to you.

We are in the process of getting quantity prices on the Harper's piece by Ashmore and I will be in touch with you about that soon.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 6, 1958

Mr. Morris Abram
1504 Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Vernon Eagle has just sent us the word that the New World Foundation has agreed to help us again this year to the tune of $15,000 for our Consultant Service Program. There is no doubt that the helpful job you and Phil did with Eagle greatly increased our chances. We have also just had word of a three-year grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. We are getting into the big time!

Thanks and all the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

excerpts from Apostles of Discord
pp. 234-235; 240, 241, 242
Cong. Record Reprint

June 6, 1958

Mrs. Preston McIntosh
67 - 25th Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. McIntosh:

Enclosed is the materials I promised to send you. The enclosed pages are copied from The Apostles of Discord by Ralph Lord Roy, The Beacon Press (Boston), 1953. The Congressional Record reprint gives a brief history of the Southern Regional Council. I enjoyed my conversation this morning and hope that this information will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

June 6, 1958

Mr. Thomas W. Young
President and General Manager
NORFOLK JOURNAL AND GUIDE
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

I have written Mr. P. B. Young, Sr. as enclosed and am taking this means to convey the same sentiments to you.

We appreciate increasingly the constructive leadership which the Journal and Guide and the Young family give to the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 1 (Copy of Letter to Mr. P. B. Young, Sr.)

June 6, 1958

Mr. Nathan Belth
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Nat:

In the short time I have had since talking with you yesterday, I have been able to do very little on your request for information on Southern police chiefs.

I can say, however, Chief Earl Heustis of Louisville looks like a good bet. He is well thought of by white and Negro liberals in that city and apparently did a good job of preparation for Louisville school desegregation. There are rather brief mentions of his role in these preparations in the *Louisville Story* by Carmichael and James. I am sure you have a copy of this book in your office. You will find Heustis mentioned favorably on pages 95, 96, 97, and 99. He was chairman of Louisville's Committee on Police Training, which prepared *Principles of Police Work with Minority Groups* in 1950 - a good manual adapted from Joe Lohman's work for the Chicago park police. He is also on the local advisory committee of the Southern Police Institute, which he also serves as a visiting lecturer. I haven't had a chance to do any further checking on the police chief in Greensboro, North Carolina. His name is Paul Calhoun, and I have heard that he did a creditable job of preparing to cope with any disorder last September and in dealing with the one or two problem situations that arose. I am enclosing an old issue of New South which gives the ancient history of how Greensboro acquired Negro police - some indication that the police force has been pretty good for some time there.

I would not rule out entirely Chief Hosse of Nashville, about whom you must have a great deal in your files. While he got off to a bad start, he did learn in a hurry once the school was bombed.

If a border city is to be dealt with, I might suggest that St. Louis be considered. The name of the chief there escapes me for the moment, but I have met him and other police officials there and was favorably impressed by their approach to racial problems. As you know, they have had some serious ones to deal with, notably the fair grounds park swimming pool riot. They have a police academy which gives regular instruction in police work with minority groups and in racial disorders.

This is very sketchy, but the best I could do without undue delay. If the Look writer is coming South anytime soon perhaps we can give him some help on the ground.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (New South, October/1947)

June 6, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mrs. Earl Andrews
c/o Stillman College
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews

I regret that I cannot be there on Sunday, but will leave here Monday on Flight 101 at 7:00 pm on Southern Airways.

Looking forward to being with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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same leter to William Oliver, UAW

June 6, 1958

Mr. Francis C. Shane
Executive Secretary
United Steelworkers of America
1500 Commonwealth Building
Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Here are some comments on our program in the South plus details on work with the Steelworkers and other unions.

I am planning to meet Ben in Washington between the evenings of June 13th and June 17th. This is one of our rare opportunities to get together. If it is at all possible, we would welcome a conference with you and Bill Oliver at that time. I am writing Bill to this effect.

If this is an impossible time, would you be able to come to Nashville sometime during the Fisk Labor Seminar, June 19th - July 5th?

I hope that one of these sets of dates would coincide with travel or work plans and be a real possibility for you and Bill to get together with us.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 4, 1958

To: Mr. Francis Shane
United Steelworkers of America

From: Emory F. Via, Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council

Re: THE SOUTHERN WORK OF THE TRADE UNION PROGRAM ON CIVIL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS.

The matter of reporting is always difficult. However, the questions raised by you and Bill Oliver are more than welcome because of the interest which they imply and because they pave the way for greater cooperative effort and program effectiveness.

This memo will supply greater detail about my activities, within the bounds of confidential relationships, especially regarding work with USA.

There are several general principles and methods of operation which I feel are important for us to keep in mind:

(1) The Labor Consultant of the Southern Regional Council conducts a varied program not committed to one technique or approach;

(2) A substantial portion of the work is through individual contact by means of exchanging ideas and providing fundamental information;

(3) Much of the work is confidential in nature - this is either because the situations involved are explosive or because public mention of the activity would be considered an embarrassment (rightly or wrongly) to the union or staffer involved;

(4) Working as a regional program over twelve states, I perform more of a wholesale than a retail function; this means, primarily, working with regional or district staff and through other agencies;

(5) A great deal of time is spent in interpretations: of the South and what is happening here, to Southern unionists; of the unions' role in the South; to outsiders, the practical limitations on union action in the Southern scene; and to Southern and national unionists what can be done in the existing climate and practical situation.

(6) For a number of reasons, I have attempted always to work through staff. This is partly a dedication to the idea of working through channels when working with the labor movement. It is partly a frank recognition that the staff man is one of the chief keys to the whole situation because of both the strengths which his role represents and of the inadequacies in preparation, information, and skills which need conscious remedying. I think that it is self-evident that for organizational and other practical reasons, no program is going to reach local leadership unless it has the assistance and confidence of staff.

(7) My work is part of a general race relations program (SRC) which means that it is frequently geared into strategic approaches to exercise the greatest leverage in a given situation. As an example of what this means, I am currently focusing attention on Virginia because this state will be a key to a whole new phase of desegregation -- my efforts will be geared, in part, with those of other individuals and organizations.

(8) The Labor Consultant's work is aimed at being a "program in context" inasmuch as we have an interpretation of the situation and the kinds of activity which will be meaningful. This point is elaborated in my annual report.

Now for a run-down on some of the activities with USA and a more specific listing of work done with other AFL-CIO affiliates.

U.S.A. -- The story here is less impressive than with UAW. I have had fairly frequent and extensive contact with Loren Nelles. Loren has proved cooperative in any specific project on which I ask his participation. He saw to it that he and two other members of his staff attended our March conference; two men from his staff attended our Fisk Seminars along with four other members of USA. Most of my work with Steel has consisted of individual conferences with their staff men. This has been done primarily in Atlanta, Birmingham, and in Nashville. This totals only about eleven or twelve staff people all together.

Recently in Birmingham, I had an extended conference with Farr where we discussed the upsurge of violence and intimidation in Birmingham, its meaning, and whether or not it had special significance to the labor movement. We also discussed, in general terms, causing him to reflect on his own situation, the level of tensions in Birmingham's steel industry. We found time, too, to discuss re-instituting the district educational conferences which you use to cooperate in. We mentioned some alternatives to an institute which concentrated just on civil rights and racial problems. If such a conference could be brought off by whatever combination of forces, it would be a major piece of program considering the situation in Birmingham today.

I have distributed special materials to selected members of the USA staff.

Similarly to the work done with the UAW, I was in contact with regional Urban League staff to help pull together some ideas and individuals so that Boyd Wilson might have a more fruitful visit to Atlanta. Boyd indicated in a letter to me prior to his visit that the information and side conversations that he had had at Fisk, had been instrumental in giving him some understanding of possible problems in the Atlanta area.

Frequently members of the Steel staff are invited to participate in informal gatherings of human relations personnel, foreign visitors, or other activities.

Loren Nelles and I have discussed the possibilities of having a district staff conference on problems related to race as faced by his own personnel. This is still a possibility; again, if it could be pulled off by whatever combination of forces, it would be a good thing.

In the case of both Birmingham and Atlanta, such an institute cannot be developed quickly. It seems to take some months of general assent to the idea before the district directors are ready to sit down and plan such a conference.

My participation in various state programs has reached some members and staffers. On these occasions - numbering about six now - I have had side conversations with some of your people. Specific materials, however, were supplied either on the spot or by mail later. Usually these programs centered around the necessity of the labor movement facing honestly and responsibly the problems involved in racial relations. Specific attention was given to the necessity for adequate job opportunities, upgrading, etc. Though this is a difficult part of the program to detail, it does indicate the way in which a specific union's membership may be reached though not tabulated.

June 9, 1958

Mr. George Schermer, Executive Director
Commission on Human Relations
Commercial Trust Building
16 South Broad Street
Philadelphia 2, Pa.

Dear George:

Thanks for your letter of the 5th with the information about the proposed study and plans for Human Relations training for police personnel.

While I think I could do the job, I am so heavily committed to our program here in the South that it is out of the question.

I do have, however, several suggestions of people who could advise you, or do the study. They are:

1. Louis A. Radelet
   Commission on Community Organizations
   National Conference of Christians and Jews
   43 West 57th Street
   New York 19, N. Y.

2. Col. David McCandless, Director, Southern Police Institute
   University of Louisville
   Louisville, Kentucky

3. Joseph Lohman
   Sheriff of Cook County,(Chicago) Ill.

4. Prof. Arthur F. Brandstatter
   Head, Department of Police Administration
   Michigan State University
   East Lansing, Michigan

Louis Radelet, as you know, has been handling the Police Institute at Michigan State University each summer. Dave McCandless is an experienced police officer and a widely respected educator in law enforcement.

Joe Lohman is the best-known man in the field. One other thing, NAIRO held a police-community relations conference on April 8, 1954.

Hope this helps even though most of these would have been obvious to you anyway.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 9, 1958

Mr. Alfred Friendly
Managing Editor
The Washington Post
1515 "L" Street
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Al:

The enclosed story on Terrell County from the Atlanta Constitution will make clear my reasons for feeling that there was hardly a chance for a proper expose' by Georgia newspapers. The Atlanta Journal ran approximately the same kind of white wash.

A lot of good people down here are mighty grateful to you for taking this one on and to Bob Baker for the fine job he did.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Atl. Const. story on Terrell County, Ga.)

June 9, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Robert E. Lee Baker
The Washington Post and Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Congratulations and thanks for a bang up job. I thought you would be interested in seeing what your colleague Jack Nelson had to say about it in the Atlanta Constitution. The Journal did likewise.

We missed you at the raucus dinner for Colonel John Popham. But when I mentioned that I had seen you recently, it launched Pop on a string of reminiscences about you and your achievements that lasted well into the night.

I thought you would like to know that some good church people are mobilizing in the wake of your article to see what can be done about the Dawson situation.

Come see us again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 1 (Atl. Const. story on Terrell County, Ga.)

June 10, 1958

Tamiment Institute and Library
7 East 15th Street
New York 3, New York

Gentlemen:

I have just received a copy of your pamphlet by Sidney Hook, "Democracy and Desegregation". Please send us ten copies and bill the Southern Regional Council, Inc.

This is an excellent piece of work, and we will distribute it to the state councils on Human Relations in the South which cooperate with the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
211 Izard Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thank you for the prompt reply to the invitation to the staff conference at Fisk. All the staffers have accepted the invitation. This should turn out to be a significant and meaningful session.

If you need a travel advance, please write and let me know. We will make arrangements here.

I will be sending you prior to the meeting some materials which I believe will be helpful to you and which I trust you can find time to study before coming to Nashville.

If you secure a full-time Associate Director before the staff meeting, we of course would want him to attend also. I believe it is important for you both to come even though it means leaving the shop untended for a week. I would suppose that Bert Cartwright might fill in at the shop for you.

Herman Long has generously offered a one-half scholarship for the first week of the Institute. We at SRC are not in a position to pay this extra amount even though it is relatively small - as I recall, $20.00-30.00. If you are interested in attending the whole Institute, please contact Dr. Long directly, indicating your position in the state organisation.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us ten copies of your inter-group education pamphlet, "The Resolution of Inter-group Tensions," by Gordon W. Allport, and ten copies of Jean Grambs' "Education In a Transition Community."

Please bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Copies sent to:
Harry Jones
Mrs. E. H. Spearman
Bob Hughes

June 10, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Street
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for the prompt reply to the invitation to the staff conference at Fisk. All of the staffers have accepted the invitation. This should turn out to be a significant and meaningful session.

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All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear A. C.:

changed on original

Rev. Glenn Canfield of the Unitarian Church in Miami informs me that he has not heard from the Tennessee Council. While I am not pushing the candidacy of any individual for the position of Executive Director~~ship~~ of the Tennessee Council, I would hope that your personnel committee would contact all likely prospects.

Mr. Canfield recently wrote me:

> I am still very much interested in the job as Executive Director of the Tennessee Council. I would enjoy organising local Councils in many cities and towns in the state, with all of its functioning committees. I believe the job can be done best through the work of co-ordinated committees. I believe this method of operation is far more effective than having mass meetings, dinners, speakers, etc. The latter have some value, of course, but the former will get far more effective work done.
>
> When you were here we talked at length about salary. I hope they will offer an adequate salary, so that I would be enabled to do an effective job, as well as take care of my family needs. It would seem to me that if local Councils could be organised throughout the state, we should not have many financial worries.

I would suggest that you pass this along to your personnel committee to consider what action they want to take.

In spite of the difficulties in working with the Board of the Tennessee Council, it is our sincere hope that you will continue as President of the organisation.

That particular board needs a firm but friendly hand at the helm, and the right paw of A. C. Miller is just the ticket.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mr. Herman H. Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

I have drawn up an outline for the morning session of July 8, as you requested. As I see it, it now looks like this:

Introduction, Frederick B. Routh
Preparing a School System, Dr. C. H. Parrish
The Role of the Clergymen and Religious Groups, Will Campbell
The Role of Community Organizations, Mrs. Bonita Valien
The Role of Law Enforcement Agencies, Frederick B. Routh
The Role of Outside Consultant Services, John Hope, 2

I have written each of the suggested persons asking them to participate. I felt that this would be more meaningful than if I did it alone. I trust this meets with your approval.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II.
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I have pulled together an outline for the morning session of July 8 as requested by Herman. Roughly, it looks like this:

Introduction, Frederick B. Routh
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The Role of the Clergymen and Religious Groups, Will Campbell
The Role of Community Organizations, Mrs. Bonita Valien
The Role of Law Enforcement Agencies, Frederick B. Routh
The Role of Outside Consultant Services, John Hope, 2

Will you please take the section on outside consultant help. Please let me know if you can do this suggested part.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

Herman Long has asked me to organize the morning session at the Institute for July 8. The topic is to be, "Community Preparation For School Desggregation".

As I see it now, the program will run something like this:

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The Role of Clergymen and Religious Groups, Will Campbell
The Role of Community Organisations, Mrs. Bonita Valien
The Role of Law Enforcement Agencies, Frederick B. Routh
The Role of Outside Consultant Services, John Hope, 2

Because of your experience in many desegregation situations, I would like very much to have you spend fifteen minutes outlining the role of community organisations. Please let me know if you can do this for us.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR: ls

June 10, 1958

Dr. C. H. Parrish
Department of Sociology
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear C. H.:

You will recall that I asked you about the possibility of serving on a panel at the Fisk Institute on the morning of July 8. As I see it now, this session's program will look something like this:

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The Role of Clergymen and Religious Groups, Will Campbell
The Role of Community Organizations, Mrs. Bonita Valien
The Role of Law Enforcement Agencies, Frederick B. Routh
The Role of Outside Consultant Services, John Hope, 2

I would like for you to handle the section on preparing the school system. As soon as summer school starts and your schedule is firmed up, please let me know.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mr. Will Campbell, National Council of Churches
Race Relations Division
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Daddy Will:

Haven't heard from you in a dog's age, so thought I'd drop you a note to ask you to do me and the participants at the Fisk Race Relations Institute a favor.

HARDY!

Herman Long has been fool-hearty enough to ask me to prepare a morning session on, "Community Preparation For School Desegregation." He wants some stress on preventing violence and intimidation, though this should not be the major focus of the session.

Rather than handle this rather all-inclusive topic myself, I propose to ask some friends who have limited knowledge in this area to speak on various aspects of the problem. As I see it at this time, the outline of the morning session will go something like this:

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The Role of Community Organisations, Mrs. Bonita Valien
The Role of Law Enforcement Agencies, Frederick B. Routh
The Role of Outside Consultant Services, John Hope, 2

You, old Buddy, have been unanimously nominated to spend fifteen minutes explaining the role of clergymen and religious groups. The meeting is planned for the morning of Tuesday, July 8, at the Fisk Human Relations Institute. Please let me know if you will accept this fine offer.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 10, 1958

Mr. Rowland Watts
Staff Counsel
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Rowland:

This is belated thanks for your letter and memorandum concerning Interagency Cooperation on Legal Work in the South. The memorandum was presented at the last Southern Interagency Conference and it was agreed that we should explore further the ways of achieving the kind of coordination you describe. We also discussed the possibility of a short term project which would involve an intensive period of fact-finding, consultation, and finally, the preparation of a guide for beleaguered individuals and groups. The thought was that a person with appropriate skills, probably a lawyer, might carry out such a temporary project under the sponsorship of one of the agencies concerned with legal aid.

Tartt Bell of the Southeastern Regional Office, American Friends Service Committee, is the chairman of the sub-committee charged with exploring these possibilities. I hope that he, as well as I, will have a chance soon to cc: Tartt Bell along with ltr. from Rowland Watts and his memo dated 5/26/58

pursue these matters with you in more specific detail.

I was pleased to hear that Mr. Angell has discussed the Birmingham problem with Mr. Arant. I do hope that a favorable decision will result from this discussion and will look forward hopefully to further word from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. Richard Bailey
Political and Economic Planning
16 Queen Anne's Gate
London, S. W. 1
ENGLAND

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I was very glad to get your kind letter recently and the copies of your several interesting publications.

We are placing your name on the complimentary mailing list to receive our publication, New South for the coming year.

I recall our conversation with pleasure. I hope that we will meet again on one side of the Atlantic or the other.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor
New York, New York

Dear Bill:

Just a note to let you know that I raised the question of tax audits at the last Southern Interagency Conference. Representatives of about fifteen agencies operating in the field of human relations in the South were asked to pass on any information they might get on this point. So far, no returns.

I have also asked Emory Via to give you a progress report on the Civil Service question.

I hope your projects are progressing satisfactorily and that you will drop us a note as the various publication dates get scheduled.

I keep hearing that LOOK is trying to work up something on the performance of Southern police chiefs, but I take it that this is somebody else's baby.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the progress report on your compilation of inflammatory statements for the Fact-Finding Project. The timing you suggest will be quite all right, since the other assignments that were handed out, including the question of sponsorship, are taking some time to unroll.

I am looking forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Miss Jean Wright
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Wright:

At Mr. Fischer's suggestion, I am writing you for information on the cost of reprints of Harry Ashmore's article, "The Untold Story Behind Little Rock" which appeared in the June issue of Harper's.

Would you be so good as to quote the costs in quantities of 5,000, 7,500, and 10,000?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Bc to Dorcas Ruthenburg with ltr. from Mr. Reynolds of June 5, 1958

June 10, 1958

Mr. J. Owen Reynolds
Security Trust Building
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 5 concerning two copies of New South and a letter sent to you anonymously. I am at a loss to account for this, since there is nothing in the philosophy or tradition of the Southern Regional Council that sanctions anonymous correspondence. I am the recipient of a certain amount of these communications myself and find them both annoying and generally unworthy of any serious notice.

While I cannot shed any light on this mystery, I can assure you that these mailings did not come to you from any official of the Southern Regional Council, and I think it extremely unlikely that any of the leadership of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations was responsible.

Please be assured that if any of our information or material would be helpful to you, I should be happy to have you call on us for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Division of Christian Life and Work
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches, U.S.A.
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

This is belated but grateful acknowledgement of your recent letter on the joint fact-finding report.

The draft report and the various reactions to it were discussed by representatives of the organizations involved in the recent Southern Interagency Conference. A plan of revision was agreed upon and various assignments were handed out. We are presently marking time until these assignments are completed, but I will shortly be writing you again, hopefully, with a revised draft embodying the changes agreed upon.

Your point about voting discrimination is a good one. The interagency steering committee felt that certainly the implication of these findings for the field of voting should be pointed out, but they also recall that the purpose of the study was basically to document violence, intimidation and reprisals rather than concentrate on voting discrimination as such. There was full agreement that further studies were needed, whether cooperative or by individual agencies, to document further the record of disfranchisement.

We will also be in touch with Will as the project moves toward conclusion.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. John W. Alexander
Assistant Dean
Columbia College
Columbia University
New York, New York

Dear John:

We are delighted at the prospect of your lending a hand in Virginia this summer. I am to be in New York for a couple of days next week, Thursday and Friday, June 19th and 20th. During my brief time there I hope it will be possible for me to have some conversation with you. I will give you a call when I arrive to see if we can work it out.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. James E. Stewart
548 N. E. 4th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

Thanks so much for sending me the copy of the good editorial from The Oklahoman. We don't have a clipping service and thus anything that you send that will keep us abreast of the developments in Oklahoma will be greatly appreciated. You can be sure, too, that we will call on you whenever the occasion requires.

I am sorry we don't get a chance to see each other more often than once a year at the Annual Meetings. If business should ever bring you to Atlanta, be sure to let us hear from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

June 10, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Harry:

Many thanks for your kind note. It was a great pleasure having you with us. I only hope that the hectic activities generated by the Southern Interagency Conference didn't make your visit more confusing than helpful.

We continue to rejoice in the news of the grant, which we are treating as confidential until the official notification is received. We have already begun to percolate on plans for preparation and distribution of supporting materials for the project, and I am going to talk with someone we hope is a good prospect for the staff position next week.

I am to be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week, June 19th and 20th. As usual, I will call to see if there will be a convenient time for me to come by your office. I hope I will have an opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks to Monty Bradley and Mr. Creel. Meanwhile, my best regards to you all.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Will:

For the benefit of your secretary, if not yourself, this is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of June 2 promising to send us a list for our distribution of "South Carolinians Speak." We will have approximately 2,500 copies to distribute, some of them to be handled by the Georgia and Alabama Councils. We will make our own distribution in Mississippi and possibly Louisiana. The names you suggest will be very helpful to us in those states, as well as in supplementary distribution in Georgia and Alabama.

I got a letter from Mike Yarrow in which he said that they were seriously considering the request for aid to P. D. East.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Separate mailing: 35 copies Cong. Rec. Reprint - on the
Aims and Origins of SRC

June 10, 1958

Dr. F. C. Foster
University of Maine
Orono, Maine

Dear Dr. Foster:

Thanks so much for the notice of your forthcoming workshop and your accompanying note. We are glad to have a chance to put before your group some information on the work of the Southern Regional Council. As it happens, our standard descriptive leaflet is presently under revision, but I am sending you separately thirty-five (35) copies of an article on the Council inserted in the Congressional Record by Senator Douglas. Included in the same reprint is one of our releases on voting discrimination in the South. I hope this material will be suitable for your workshop.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 10, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

I trust you have reason to feel good about the prospect for Capahosic. History seems to be repeating itself, for I find that I will be going there from New York again this year. I have a couple of meetings there on Thursday and Friday of next week.

This means, of course, that I won't be travelling with Phil Hammer, but I gather that he and John Folger are trying to sell their plans. John Hope and I, though coming from different directions, hope to work out a schedule that will put us in Richmond at about the same time. If this works out, we should like to rent a car and drive down together. This has the advantage of removing us from your list of concerns, and the disadvantage of perhaps some added cost. If the latter is true, we will absorb anything that will throw your budget out of kilter. In any case, if you are in New York on Thursday and Friday of next week, I will be calling you.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 10, 1958

Mr. John R. May
Executive Director
The San Francisco Foundation
Balfour Building
351 California Street
San Francisco 4, California

Dear John:

One of my friends out there has sent me a copy of the article on the San Francisco Foundation which appeared in the Chronicle of June 2. Congratulations on a fine presentation of a very impressive program.

All the best to you and Margarita.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 10, 1958

Mr. J. R. Wiggins
Executive Editor
The Washington Post Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wiggins:

We are most grateful to the Post for Bob Baker's very able job of reporting the brutalities and terror in Dawson, Georgia. I know you will be glad to know that this article has provided stimulus for various organizations and individuals here to seek remedies for this appalling situation.

The purpose of this letter is to ask permission to reproduce Mr. Baker's article in its entirety for distribution by church leaders in Georgia. It is probable that the reproduction will be done under the sponsorship of the United Church Women, but until such time as the governing body of that group can meet and act formally, some of its leaders have asked me to see if permission can be secured. If I may have your agreement, I shall personally undertake to see that the project is properly and responsibly carried out.

Since the Post's readership in this area is very slight and the Georgia press shows no disposition to give Mr. Baker's findings a fair hearing, we feel it is vital that people of good will in Georgia have an opportunity to read the article in full. I hope that I may have an early and favorable answer to this request.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 10, 1958

Mr. Henry Shine
Civil Rights Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

We have delayed sadly in getting the enclosed list to you, but the civil rights question has been jumping here in Georgia as you may have read in the Washington Post. We were further delayed by our unsuccessful efforts to get the required information on the individuals we are proposing.

Lest we be too late altogether, I am sending the list to you in its present incomplete state. We have not tried to submit a panel for each state that includes all of the many balances that your final committees will no doubt reflect. Our suggestions should be viewed merely as a collection of individuals who might suitably be considered.

I hope you had a successful trip to Arkansas and Louisiana and that you and Frank Bane are getting the cooperation you need in order to complete your important assignments effectively.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

ALABAMA

1.	Rev. Thomas Thrasher (W) 315 Clanton Avenue Montgomery 6, Alabama	Pastor, Church of the Ascension (Episcopalian)
2.	Barney Weeks (W) 604 Lyric Building Birmingham, Alabama	President Alabama Labor Council (AFL-CIO)
3.	Dr. H. C. Trenholm Alabama State College Montgomery, Alabama	President Alabama State College
4.	Rev. Andrew C. Smith (W) Spring Hill College Spring Hill Station Mobile, Alabama	President Spring Hill College Catholic
5.	Rev. Powers McLeod (W) Auburn, Alabama	Pastor First Methodist Church
6.	Buford Boone (W) Tuscaloosa, Alabama	Editor The Tuscaloosa News
7.	Louis Eccle (W) Sheffield, Alabama	Editor Tri-Cities Daily Catholic layman
8.	Walter Bennett (W) University of Alabama Tuscaloosa, Alabama	Professor of Political Science

KENTUCKY

1.	Dr. Rufus Atwood (N) Kentucky State College Frankfort, Kentucky	President Kentucky State College born, Hickman, Ky., 1897
2.	Barry Bingham	Publisher The Courier-Journal Louisville, Kentucky
3.	Dr. Philip Davidson (W) University of Louisville Louisville, Kentucky	President University of Louisville born, Omaha, Neb., 1902 Episcopalian
4.	Dr. Riley B. Montgomery (W) College of the Bible Lexington, Kentucky	President College of the Bible born, Boone Mill, Va., 1895 Disciple of Christ
5.	Sam Ezelle (W) 312 Armory Place Louisville, Kentucky	Secretary-Treasurer Kentucky Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO)

MISSISSIPPI

1.	Oliver Emmerich (W) McComb, Mississippi	Editor, McComb Enterprise Journal Editorial Page Editor, Jackson State Times
2.	B. F. McLaurin (N) Cohoama Junior College Clarksdale, Mississippi	President, Cohoama Junior College
3.	Rex I. Brown (W) Electric Building Jackson 5, Mississippi	President Mississippi Power and Light Co. born, Lowell, Michigan, 1889 Presbyterian
4.	Rabbi Charles Mantinband (W) 808 Mamie Street Hattiesburg, Mississippi	
5.	Most Rev. Joseph Brunini (W) 123 North West Street Jackson, Mississippi	Bishop The Catholic Church
6.	Joseph F. Ellis, Jr. (W) 351 Delta Avenue Clarksdale, Mississippi	Editor and Publisher Clarksdale Press-Register

NORTH CAROLINA

1.	John Wheeler (N) Mechanics and Farmers Bank Durham, North Carolina	Attorney President, Mechanics & Farmers Bank born, Kittrell, N. C., 1906
2.	Dr. William Friday (W) University of N. C. Chapel Hill, North Carolina	President University of North Carolina
3.	Irving E. Carlyle (W) Wachovia Bank Building Winston-Salem, N. C.	Attorney born, Wake Forest, N. C., 1896 Democrat
4.	Marion A. Wright (W) Linville Falls, North Carolina	Attorney (retired)
5.	The Most Rev. Vincent Waters (W) 15 North McDowell Street Raleigh, North Carolina	Catholic Bishop of Raleigh
6.	Reed Sarratt (W) Executive Editor Winston-Salem, N. C.	Editor Journal and Sentinel
7.	Wilbur Hobby (W) 210 May Street Durham, North Carolina	President, Durham Labor Council Editor, Durham Labor Journal

SOUTH CAROLINA

1.	James McBride Dabbs (W) Rip Raps Plantation Mayesville, South Carolina	Planter and Author born, Sumter County, S. C., 1896 Presbyterian Democrat
2.	W. E. Solomon (N) 1701 Taylor Street Columbia, S. C.	Executive Secretary Palmetto State Teachers Association
3.	R. Beverly Herbert (W) Columbia, South Carolina	Attorney born, Plains, Virginia Episcopalian Democrat
4.	Mrs. Claudia Thomas Sanders (W) Gaffney, South Carolina	born, Charleston, S. C. Episcopalian
5.	Msgr. George Lewis Smith (W) Aiken, South Carolina	Catholic Priest Former attorney
6.	Rev. McKay Brabham Union, South Carolina	Methodist Pastor
7.	James L. Cater Hartsville, South Carolina	Businessman, Suneco Products Philanthropist and civic leader

TENNESSEE

1.	Dr. Matthew Walker (N) Meharry Medical College Nashville, Tennessee	Chief Surgeon
2.	Dr. Stephen J. Wright (N) Fisk University Nashville, Tennessee	President Fisk University
3.	Lucius Burch (W) Burch, Porter & Johnson Court Square Building 128 W. Court Avenue Memphis, Tennessee	Attorney
4.	Walter Sharp (W) Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee	Chairman, Dept. of Fine Arts and civic leader
5.	Richard A. Trippeer (W) 1055 Harbor Avenue Memphis, Tennessee	President, Euclid Corporation President or immediate past-president, Memphis Chamber of Commerce
6.	Mrs. John T. McCall (W) 3728 West End Avenue Nashville 5, Tennessee	Civic leader
7.	Maclin Davis (W) Nashville, Tennessee	Prominent businessman, lay church leader

VIA AIR MAIL June 11, 1958

Mr. Henry Shine
Civil Rights Commission
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

Supplementing my letter and the enclosed list of yesterday, here are several names of able and respected church women in Deep South states. These were suggested by Mrs. Tilly, who serves on our staff as Director of Women's Work and is closely in touch with church women throughout the region.

I am also including the names of the Stokelys of Newport, Tennessee, authors of the book, Neither Black Nor White. They are pretty liberal but wield the prestige of one of the oldest, wealthiest, and respected families in East Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Supplementary list of suggestions for state advisory committees

Mrs. Earl Andrews, Presbyterian U.S.
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama
(born, Mobile, Ala.; Democrat)

Mrs. W. A. Davis, Methodist
Former President, United Church Women
of South Carolina
7 New Town Lane
Charleston 44, South Carolina

Mrs. J. A. Burt, Methodist
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Mrs. C. J. Jones, Methodist
6215 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Mr. OR Mrs. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

June 11, 1958

Mr. John Lassoe
c/o NAIRO Internship Seminar
International House
University of Chicago
1414 East 59th Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear John:

I will be in Chicago over the weekend as promised. I arrive Friday afternoon by Delta airlines flight 486. It arrives at 4:45 P. M. I will take a limousine downtown and a taxi to the International House - no need to meet me. I leave Sunday evening at 11:15 P. M.

Would you please reserve a room at the International House for me Friday and Saturday nights. I had hoped to hear from you about what you expected of me before this. I know you are busy.

I am off first thing in the morning on another trip which will not conflict with the Chicago weekend.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P. S.
You'd better show this to Bob Johnson - regards to him, too.

P. P. S.
Regards to Machion.

FRB:ls

June 11, 1958

Mrs. Julia F. Jackson, Director
Great Issues Course
Morris Brown College
Atlanta 14, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

In response to a mimeographed form invitation to speak on Race Relations in the United States the night of November 10, 1958, in the Great Issues series, I regret I must decline.

The Southern Regional Council holds its annual meeting two days later and I shall be swamped in the preparation for that meeting.

Should you care to set another date, I would be happy to consider it.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 11, 1958

Mr. Cloyd Alexander, Organizer
Duval County Employees Local 220
5726 Pearl Street
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Alexander:

Mr. Thomas E. Morgan has requested that we send you information concerning the Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

Mr. Via is away on an extended trip, but we are happy to send you this information from his office, in his absence.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls
Enclosure

June 11, 1958

Mr. W. A. Rowe
AFSCME Regional Director
1228 - 15th Avenue
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Rowe:

Mr. Thomas E. Morgan has asked that we send you information concerning the Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

Mr. Via is away on an extended trip, but in his absence we are happy to send you this information from his office.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

June 11, 1958

Mr. Donald McCullar, Organizer
Gulf Coast District Council #35
5601 H.M.C. Street
Houston, Texas

Dear Mr. McCullar:

Mr Thomas E. Morgan has requested that we send you information concerning the Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

Mr. Via is away on an extended trip, but in his absence we are happy to send you this information from his office.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls
Enclosure

June 11, 1958

Mr. David Estese
P. O. Box 624
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear David:

Enclosed is a suggested section for your letter as promised on Friday.

It was good to meet you. As a result of our discussion, I have an even stronger hope than before that you will be able to do this project for us.

Will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

We hope to include in the bibliography any information relating to those factors which are taken into account in establishing insurance rates and coverage. These include the obvious fields of accidents, crimes, health, deaths, births and the like; all as studies of the Negro or as studies of a total given population with breakdowns according to race.

In addition we would hope to include those indirectly related areas such as studies of law enforcement, housing, income, mobility, and population changes, employment, educational attainment, purchasing power, marketing potential and others; all having to do indirectly but decisively with determining rates and potential coverage of Negroes. Such studies, articles, pamphlets and the like would not have to deal with the entire region or even with a given state. Studies of this nature which deal with any given locality, as small as one segment of a city or county, might well prove to be of value. Also,' studies of any age group on any of the above factors where racial breakdowns are provided might be extremely valuable.

It is unlikely that more than a few published and unpublished works have dealt directly with this area.

Therefore, our hope is that we can locate a great many sources which deal indirectly with this field. These indirect sources, when collected, may provide us with a great deal of information.

June 11, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

The prospect of payment of the grant in September suits us fine.

As to the North Carolina Council, it applied for tax exemption some time ago but has had no word of action on its application. It would probably be best, therefore, if the payment of that grant were made through us. I talked with John Wheeler this morning, and he agrees that it should be handled this way.

Warm regards from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. What do you hear from Adlai Stevenson? It seems that every other person I meet has been asked by Stevenson, "If you had unlimited funds, what would you do in the South?"

Air Mail

June 11, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Enclosed you will find our efforts at condensing your excellent minutes of the meeting. We did feel that it was necessary to shorten the original minutes and for a number of reasons to leave out some of the information.

I am sending these to you for your approval since you put so much effort into them it seemed desirable to have that fact noted. If this draft meets with your approval, please let us know and we will get them out to the agencies involved.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Draft of Interagency Meeting Minutes)

June 11, 1958

Mrs. Marie K. Driggs
Executive Secretary
New York Fund for Children
100 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mrs. Driggs:

This is to acknowledge with warm thanks payment of the New York Fund for Children's 1957 grant of $7,500. Please express our lasting appreciation to the officers of the Fund.

There has been a steady increase in the extent in which our program activities are concerned with the welfare of children and young people involved in desegregation and racial tensions in the South. In our future reporting, we will try to spell out some of the ways in which the Council has worked in this area of particular concern to the New York Fund for Children.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

June 11, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

We are really keeping up a lively correspondence!

Thanks for the time and place of the two meetings. Barring catastrophes I will be there.

Prospects for another draft of the fact-finding report before the 21 are pretty uncertain, but I will at least bring one of the first drafts to Wilton Dillon's Capahosic Conference.

You and Ed may be reassured about the minutes of the Southern Interagency Conference. As I think you will have observed from past minutes, it is our practice to send out only the bare bones of actions taken. Jean Fairfax prepared this detailed report merely for the benefit of her fellow staff members in Philadelphia, and asked us to excerpt the items that would be needed for the official record.

I am delighted to know that you and Ed are exploring the Southern legal aid idea with Pat Malin and Rowland Watts. We'll be looking forward with anticipation to the results of your discussion.

Will you please tell Ed for me that we expect to unroll the fairly significant project aimed at reaching uncommitted Southern leadership in terms of self-interest. I hope that next week you and he and I will have an opportunity to discuss this at least briefly.

I should have prices on the Ashmore article in a few days.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 11, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3135 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

First of all I want to thank you for the privilege you gave me of looking in on your school, and the delightful experience of knowing Mrs. Hay.

In the rush, you failed to sign the check and I am enclosing it in this note.

We are also sending you, under separate cover, the four copies of South Carolinians Speak.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

June 11, 1958

Mrs. Edwin R. Watson
1197 Jackson Springs Road
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Watson:

I understand that you are interested in getting the release of Mrs. Ingram and her children. I want you to know that I am also interested.

I am giving you the names of two Macon women who are officers of United Church Women of Georgia: Mrs. M. W. Rosar, 1017 High Street; Mrs. Thomas E. Turner, 270 Vista Circle, and also the name of Mrs. A. A. Hardy, Thomaston, Georgia. Mrs. Hardy has been in on the case from the beginning.

One other name that I would suggest is Mrs. Emmett Johnson. She is on the faculty at Wesleyan and lives out in Macon.

Hoping your efforts will bring the release of these three people whom I feel should never have been in prison, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly but signed in her absence)

June 11, 1958

Dr. Herman Long
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

I am planning to spend a few days at the Institute, as I have not attended in several years.

Will there be any special time when the place of the church will be considered, if so, perhaps that would be the time best for me? I would appreciate it, if you would let me know.

Please know that I will come anyway.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

June 11, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Braden
4403 Virginia Avenue
Louisville 11, Kentucky

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Braden

In accordance with your request to Mr. Fleming, we have placed your names on the exchange list for our publication, New South.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 11, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

I would like very much a copy of the summary that you sent Thelma of the Gulfside Conference, and I would appreciate it if you would give me some notes of the meeting of the Mississippi Association of Methodist Ministers and Laymen. They certainly do not know you very well or you might not have been acceptable to them.

Now in answer to your questions. We would like conversation groups here and there over the state, looking forward to having a statewide meeting if at all possible, if not, two or more meetings in different sections. Then too, we would like you to keep us informed on the things that you think we need to know. Of course you would have to be our "trouble-shooter" as occasion arises. Think through this and let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

P. S. I have just found that Mrs. J. W. Patrick, Jr., Brandon, Mississippi is the new conference secretary of Christian Social Relations. Can you give me any information about her?

M. E. T.

June 11, 1958

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
341-A Ponce de Leon Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

I am just back from Tuscaloosa where I spent a day and an evening at the school led by Mrs. Andrews. I came away more deeply impressed than ever with her efficiency and her strong christian convictions.

Congratulations to the Presbyterians for having such a wonderful school and such a capable leader to handle it. Congratulations are also due to you for the glorious way in which things came out at the Assembly. If it had been otherwise, it would have been a blow to all of us. As it is now, all denominations of the South can take hope and courage that a battle has been fought and won.

With all best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June 11, 1958

Mrs. G. W. Hummel
Madisonville, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Hummel:

I will arrive in Berea at 4:52 p.m. Sunday, June 22, and will stay over Friday night and leave at 9:54 a.m. Saturday morning, June 28.

I think you misunderstood my request. I did not mean for you to change the worship assigned to me but what I was thinking, if the presentation of the study came last it would be possible for my group to put it on. However, it doesn't matter so let it stay as it is and I will be glad to present the study.

I regret that you are not well and I think you are doing right to stay in bed as much as possible.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL June 11, 1958

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

You have probably seen the United Press International story, enclosed as it ran in yesterday's Atlanta Journal. According to this version at least the UPI states flatly, apparently on its own authority, that the ACLU has been cited as subversive by the House Un-American Activities Committee. We thought this clipping might contribute to whatever action you might decide to take.

I hope I will see you at the Mass Media meeting next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Atl. Journal article, "LSU Probing Faculty Action on Racial Bills" - 6/10/58)

YW-YMCA REGIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE, ON LABOR UNIONS, JUNE 10-11, 1958
Blue Ridge Assembly Grounds, Black Mountain, N. C.

The group discussions on unions in contemporary society focused on the theme, "Are Unions Necessary". The participating students held a range of views which led to answers that varied from emphatic "yes"to emphatic "no". Each session was lively, and for the most part all discussion was pertinent to the general topic.

Specific information was provided regarding the day-to-day role of unions, the development of the collective bargaining process and its role in the U. S. economy, and why workers need representation in our economic system. Discussions also centered on the stabilising effects of collective bargaining, and a great deal of attention was given to the related problems of individual freedom as affected by union organization and the role of large scale organisations, especially economic ones, in a free society.

The discussions were, on the whole, fruitful. Personal experience and training were evident factors behind the attitudes put forth in the group. There were perhaps no "conversions" in any given direction, but some of the fundamental problems surrounding the human elements in the work situation and of understanding organisational and institutional roles in modern society were fairly aired.

Copy of summary
sent to Doris Wilson,
Nat'l Student Secretary: EFV

June 12, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Nationwide Insurance Company
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

The bibliography project moves slowly, but it does move.

We have tentatively arranged to have the project directed by David Estese, Research Librarian at Emory University. The further we went into the matter, the more obvious it became that it was unlikely that a graduate student could properly handle this. Estese is now doing some preliminary work and we hope to make final arrangements with him within the next two weeks. We are convinced that he is the man for the job and hope that we can convince him of that fact.

We will keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 13, 1958

Reverend Thomas W. Currie
6127 Reamer
Houston 36, Texas

Dear Mr. Currie:

I am glad to have your letter of June 12.

Enclosed is a copy of Southern School News for May 1958. The map facing page 9 shows the status of desegregation in all of the Southern states including Texas. These counties in Texas where school desegregation has been begun or completed or is in prospect, are indicated. For detailed information on whichever of these communities seems to be most appropriate, I suggest that you write to the Superintendent of Schools of the city or county involved and request such background information.

As of more general usefulness, I am asking our information staff to send you separately such materials as we have that shed light on successful steps to desegregation.

If we can help you and your committee further in any way, please don't hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 1 (Southern School News, May 1958)

June 16, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Goodrum
Promotion Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Goodrum:

Thank you for your letter of June 10, concerning "Facts on Film." We are definitely interested in the possibility of purchasing this material if we find it to be of use in our work. We are looking forward to the descriptive pamphlet you mentioned.

One additional question, what kind of equipment would it be necessary for us to purchase in order to view these reels, and would it be possible to reproduce material from these reels?

Again thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 13, 1958

Miss Evelyn Honeywell
Assistant to the Editor
World Call
222 South Downey Avenue
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Miss Honeywell:

Thank you for your letter of June 11, 1958, concerning New South, and your request for exchange privileges. We will be most pleased to receive World Call on an exchange basis.

However, about a year and a half ago, we placed your magazine on our complimentary subscription list and the magazine should be going each month to Mr. Buckner, your editor. If you would like an additional copy sent with a definite exchange arrangement, please let me know to whom it should be addressed.

Again thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM   June 13, 1958

To: Emory F. Via
From: Harold C. Fleming

The copies of Ben Segal's Industrialization (and apparently some copies of "Racism in Southern Unions") have arrived. I am assuming that you will take charge of the further distribution of the first item, to our Board members, consultants, and other non-labor folks who might be interested.

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VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL June 13, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Lee Baker
The Washington Post Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Here are copies of the four (4) affidavits so far secured. The carbons from which these reproductions were made were rather blurred, but I think they are readable.

We'll be watching the **Post** with interest.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 4.

VIA AIR MAIL June 13, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

I checked with Art on the film, "A City Decides." The ADL office here does not handle it, so Contemporary Films seems to be indicated.

I am looking forward to a note or call from you giving me your travel plans to Capahosic. My hasty scrutiny of the airlines schedule didn't offer much in the way of well-timed flights to Newport News-Hampton. If you should decide that we could do better flying to Richmond, that would be all right with me.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Did you get a copy of Herbert Hills long letter of June 3rd to the Bureau on Jewish Employment Problems? It summarizes the detail the NAACP's grievances against the Government Contract Committee. If you did not get a copy, let me know and I will send you ours,

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 13, 1958

To: FBR and EFV

From: HCF

Phern Stanley called with the news that she and her husband have been asked by AFSC to make the reconciliation visit to Tuskegee. She wanted advice on the whole business, which in general I gave her. If they decide to go through with it, she and/or John Stanley will probably come by the office for more detailed briefing.

June 13, 1958

Mr. Lawrence Lader
85 East End Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Larry:

Many thanks for your check reimbursing us for the cost of the photostats. I am glad that the little we did was useful.

Both the editorials we sent you were from the Atlanta Constitution. Sorry the designation was indecipherable.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 13, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I was very glad to see the copy of your letter to Senator Douglas concerning the proposed institute on segregation and our foreign relations. If he catches fire on the idea, we should be well on the way to overcoming the financial obstacles. I shall look forward with great interest to the reply you receive.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 13, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
Director of Public Affairs
American Jewish Congress
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Many thanks for the copies of your two statements. These will be very helpful to us in clarifying these issues in our own staff and in our State Councils on Human Relations.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 13, 1958

To: John Constable

From: Harold C. Fleming

Here are letters from Rabbi Mantinband and Mrs. Knox concerning the distribution of "South Carolinians Speak". In the case of the Rabbi's suggestions, perhaps you could discuss Mississippi distribution with Mrs. Tilly before we ~~might~~ write Mrs. Wheatley and Mrs. Burt directly.

I have not yet heard from Bob Hughes about Alabama, but will pass along his reply when it comes. Discussion of Alabama with Mrs. Tilly is also indicated since, as you know, she has two church women giving major time to the Fellowship in that state.

In all negotiations and planning of distribution of this, we should keep it clear that the booklet is intended for use with the reasonable but uncommitted persons in backwood areas. For example, I have told Mrs. Knox that I think its distribution in Atlanta should be very limited. I also told her that while members of the Georgia Council might well receive it, it should be those members who are trying to have some influence with segregationists in the more difficult places.

June 13, 1958

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

C. H. Parrish was just here and told me (in Fred's absence) that Fred's letter to you of May 23 was never received. I have looked into this and found that, through a clerical error, the letter was sent to you at the Texas Council's address. I am very sorry that this occurred, as I know Fred will be, and I am enclosing a copy of the letter.

I regret all the difficulties that have plagued the relationship between SRC and the Texas Council, and I do hope that we can at least clear up any misunderstandings that may exist. In any case, our appreciation and high regard for you continues undiminished.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 1 (cc of FBR ltr. dated May 23, 1958)

Sent to:
The Reporter
136 E. 57th St.
N. Y. 22.

VIA AIR MAIL June 13, 1958

Mr. Max Ascoli
23 Gramercy Park, South
New York 3, New York

Dear Max:

I enjoyed our conversation yesterday and hope that the ideas we discussed may bear fruit. The more I have thought of the possibility of Bob Baker's doing a piece for you, the better the idea has seemed to me.

I am to be in New York briefly Thursday and Friday of next week (June 19th and 20th). If further discussion of possible articles on the South would be helpful to you or some member of your staff, perhaps we can get together. I will give you a ring when I arrive.

With warm regards to you and Mrs. Ascoli,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 13, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

The prospect of lunching with you, Dave, Monty, and possibly Dana Creel is most welcome. I look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 13, 1958

Rev. Edward A. Driscoll
Executive Secretary
Georgia Council of Churches
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. ~~Driscoll:~~ Ed,

Many thanks for sharing with me the enclosed report on the Presbyterian minister and his work. This kind of positive development within the denominations does my morale a world of good.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure 1

June 13, 1958

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dean - Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

C. H. Parrish, who was through here yesterday, spoke warmly of his short conversation with you. The materials he passed along lead me to ask several favors.

First, let me say that I am most impressed by the Spring issue of the Perkins School of Theology Journal. This is as thoughtful and constructive a symposium as I have seen anywhere. I am particularly impressed by your own analysis, "The Southern Temper." All of us who are concerned with race relations in the South often feel frustrated by our inability to formulate clearly what we feel about the complexities of Southern opinion. You have succeeded magnificently in doing this, and I should like to do what I can to enlarge the readership of your article. May we have your permission to reprint it? Would you also let me know how many copies of this issue of the Journal are available and at what unit cost?

Dr. Parrish also told me that a faculty member of the School is preparing two lists identifying the signers of the opposing statements by Protestant ministers of Dallas. If these lists will be available to others, we should greatly appreciate receiving copies.

The leadership you are giving increases our pride in your membership on the Board of the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 16, 1958

Mrs. Lelia E. Williams
Librarian
Norfolk Division
Virginia State College
Norfolk 4, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Williams:

In reply to your letter of June 3rd, requesting information about Southern white writers who have contributed or are contributing to a better understanding of the Negro and the race problem, some books by white Southerners written during the past four years include:

AN EPITAPH FOR DIXIE and THE NEGRO AND THE SCHOOLS - Harry Ashmore
NEITHER BLACK NOR WHITE - Wilma Dykeman and James Stokely
NOW IS THE TIME - Lillian Smith
SEGREGATION: The Inner Conflict in the South - Robert Penn Warren

Howard Odum and Guy Johnson are among those who wrote in this field during the years preceding the Supreme Court School decisions, while writers of magazine articles during recent years include the above plus Sara Patton Boyle, James McBride Dabbs (A book by Mr. Dabbs will be published in the near future.), C. A. McKnight, Hodding Carter, Ralph McGill.

We are sorry not to be able to furnish you with more general information about these writers, but if research in this area has been published in the past few years, it is not reflected in the materials in our research files. We hope this information will be of some use to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

VIA AIR MAIL June 16, 1958

Mr. Jack Greenberg
Assistant Counsel
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and Education
Fund, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle,
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack:

I will be very glad to read your manuscript on law and race relations and to make any suggestions that would seem helpful. I am sure that I will benefit at least as much as you from such a reading.

There may be a problem of timing. I will be out of town from Wednesday, June 18 until the Tuesday or Wednesday following. If you don't feel that this absence will slow things up unduly, send the manuscript along. Since you didn't specify the length of the draft, I can't estimate how long a careful reading would take, but I would finish it as quickly as possible.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 16, 1958

Mr. Gloster B. Current
Director of Branches
National Association for the Advancement of
Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Mr. Current:

Thank you so much for the Report of 28 Branches on Treatment of Negroes in Transportation, which we received today. This material will be very helpful to us and we will forward copies of the report on Waiting Room Desegregation immediately upon its publication.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 16, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your promise to do the profile of Mr. Dabbs. I am enclosing his biographical sketch. I am sorry but he is not listed in the latest Who's Who. The wordage may be at your own discretion.

The speech has been printed and I have reminded Mrs. Knox that one hundred copies are to go to you. If you need any additional copies, let me know and I will supply them from our copies.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

June 16, 1958

National Newspaper Publishers Association
c/o Afro-American Newspapers
628 N. Eutaw Street
Baltimore, Maryland

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain copies of all policy statements adopted by the recent Summit Conference of Negro Leaders. Please send one copy of each statement to me in care of the above address, and bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 17, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Paul Anthony and I have deliberated on an estimated budget for the proposed international conference, and I have discussed the matter with Dr. Clement. The enclosed tentative budget represents the result. Since we had to make certain assumptions about the conference, the following observations are in order:

(1) We assumed that we would need to pay travel and expenses of at least sixty guests -- that is, twenty to thirty personages in the international field, and thirty to forty of our own board members or other leading Southerners. It might be naively assumed that the latter would pay their own freight, but experience argues against such optimism.

(2) We assumed that the long-range groundwork for the conference would be done by SRC and Atlanta University personnel, but that the final arrangements would require a conference director for at least two months.

(3) We assumed that no honoraria would have to be paid to the distinguished guests -- perhaps too sanguine an assumption.

(4) Since any beeakdown of expenses at this early stage is highly speculative, I suggest that

you stick to the total in corresponding with Senator Douglas. A detailed, realistic budget would require much more specific planning and exploration. Also note that the rough estimate is described as a minimum budget. We feel, and Dr. Clement agrees, that the conference could not be properly staged for appreciably less than $15,000 and that $20,000 would be a reasonable figure.

I note that Senator Douglas mentions the Fund for the Republic as a possible angel. Our current relationship with the Fund pretty well rules out our asking them for the funds, since we are still operating on a terminal grant from them and they have made it quite plain that they do not expect any further request. Since Senator Douglas might make approaches on his own, I believe it would be well if he understood our relationship to the Fund. The same would apply to some of our other contributors.

The original of Senator Douglas's letter is enclosed.

With best and hopeful regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Original of Sen. Douglas's ltr. to MAW)

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE - ESTIMATED MINIMUM BUDGET

Travel & Hospitality of Guests (40 guests at an average cost of $150 each)	$ 9,000
Temporary Personnel (Conference director - $700 per month for two months; Secretary - $300 per month for two months)	2,000
Conference Facilities (auditorium rental, utilities janitorial services, equipment rental, etc.)	1,000
Travel, Project Director	800
Communication, Printing & Supplies	1,600
Miscellaneous & Unbudgeted Expenses	600
Total:	$15,000

June 17, 1958

Mrs. Ruth MacLennon
c/o Mrs. Fred Irwin
1908 9th Avenue, N.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Mac:

I was delighted to hear that you have been appointed to the 73rd Street School in St. Petersburg. I believe you will find St. Petersburg a more satisfying place in which to live than Ft. Myers.

We are pleased that you are interested in becoming active with the Florida Council. Their address is:

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

In addition to the state office, there are "locals" about the state. St. Petersburg has such a local group. I would suggest you contact:

Mr. Thomas Dreier
1011 Brightwaters Boulevard
St. Petersburg, Florida
and
Mrs. Rosabelle Bond
2333 14th Street
St. Petersburg, Florida

I also understand there is a Friends Meeting in the St. Petersburg area.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 17, 1958

Mrs. Winifred G. Meskus
Assistant to the Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Meskus:

First, congratulations on the new position with the New World Foundation. I am sure you will find Vernon Eagle is a real pleasure to work with.

Second, congratulations on the good job of distribution on the minutes of the Consultant Conference held in Atlanta. I am sending along three more copies for your files. Hope these will meet your needs.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: 3 copies of minutes of Consultant Conference.

June 17, 1958

Mr. Vernon Eagle, Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Just a note to say thank you for the hospitality you extended while I was in the windy city. I was refreshed by the pause at your house.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

VIA AIR MAIL June 17, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

I may be in New York before this reaches you, but I hope it will get there in time for you and Ed to adjust your plans. Unfortunately, I cannot have lunch on Thursday, since I have an appointment then with some of the staff members of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. But I do hope that you and Ed and I can find a time to discuss together the proposed project, perhaps after the staff meeting on Thursday.

Emory Via has been on the road almost steadily for the last few weeks. He called in yesterday, however, and asked me to relay the following.

He has arranged for the film "Burden of Truth" with the Steelworkers. Your plan to be at the Fisk Institute for the first week is perfect, and he will want you to lead the discussion on the film.

As to the matter of the materials, Emory will call you on his return to the office later in the week.

I am looking forward to seeing you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 17, 1958

Mr. Johnny Glustrom
1860 Wellborne Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Johnny:

The enclosed letter is self explanatory. Seth Glickenhaus sent a very nice letter and a check for $50.00. I want to make a special point of meeting them on an early trip to New York.

Many thanks to you and Marian for making this interest and help possible. I hope some day I will have a chance to repay some of your many kindnesses, both organizational and personal!

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Copy of ltr. to Seth Glickenhaus - dtd. 6/17/58)

June 17, 1958

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

In all likelihood you have ~~not~~ gotten the word. However, as you will note from the last page of the enclosed minutes, you were selected - after your departure - as chairman of the next Interagency meeting.

Morals: If there are dubious honors to be passed out - never leave a meeting early!

We will be in correspondence with you about a month ahead of time concerning the agenda and like mattess.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 17, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Court:

Thanks for all the data on the up-coming meeting of the Advisory Board. I certainly plan to be there, since I am chairing the meeting. I do not know yet, however, my mode of transportation, but I shall be there.

All good regards to you and Lib.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: application blank

June 17, 1958

Mr. Gordon W. Lovejoy, Educational Consultant
National Conference of Christians and Jews, Inc.
P. O. Box 578
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Gordon:

Just a note to let you know that the Virginia Interagency Meeting is called for Monday, July 7 at 10:00 A. M. at the Virginia Union University (probably in the Alumnae Building). If your man in Washington would contact Rev. Hubert S. Beckwith of the Congregational Christian Church of Fairfax County - Crescent 3-1882 - he could get the final plans.

It was good to be with you at the NSA advisory committee meeting. I regret that our schedules make it difficult for us to get together more often.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 17, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a weird account apparently accusing the Dade County Council of charging that the NAACP had communistic leanings. I suggest it would be appropriate if you corrected this mis-apprehension. The paper involved is the Black Dispatch. Their address is: corrected on originals

The Black Dispatch
324 N. E. 2nd Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

I would suggest that you ask Father Gibson to write them, too. A letter from him on NAACP stationery would make it abundantly clear that they were in error.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: (reprint of article from Black Dispatch)

June 17, 1958

Mrs. Priscilla R. Perry
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Florida Regional Office
330 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Priscilla:

Thanks for your letter of June 12 with the kind words about my part in the annual meeting of the Dade County Council for Community Relations. I, too, regret that we did not have the opportunity to sit down and yak. I am right happy, however, that you married such a nice guy, and tell him for me that I consider him to be a most fortunate young man.

I have asked our Research Assistant to pull together the information you requested. You will be hearing from her in the immediate future.

All good wishes to you and Nate.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
[illegible]tant Director

FBR:ls

cc: Mr. Johnny Glustrom

June 17, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. Seth M. Glickenhaus
100 Dorchester Road
Scarsdale, New York

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Glickemhaus:

Many, many, thanks for your good letter and the contribution to the work of the Council. I do know from Johnny and Marian how heavily involved you are in many good activities, and I am all the more grateful to you for your generous interest in this one.

I will see that you receive our monthly publication and our periodic reports on the Council's work. Meanwhile, If I can send you information on any particular development down here in which you find yourselves interested, please call on me. I should like very much to meet you both and will be calling you when I get to New York.

With appreciation and best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

June 17, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Here's the finished product, considerably less complete than your report. You will note that your suggestion was carried out at the end of the minutes.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

June 17, 1958

Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain copies of the texts of certain state legislative acts and transcripts of the proceedings of several legislative committee hearings, all described below. Please let us know if copies or microfilm reproductions of these items are available from your files, and, if they are available, the total cost for furnishing us with one (1) copy of each item.

1. LOUISIANA: House Concurrent Resolution No. 27, 1954, creating a Joint Legislative-Committee for the purpose of "carrying on and conducting the fight to maintain segregation of the races" in the state. (Rainach Committee.)

2. FLORIDA: Chapter 31498, 1956 Extraordinary Session, Acts of Florida, creating a committee to make investigations of the activities of organizations "advocating violence or a course of conduct which would constitute a violation of the laws of Florida." (Johns Committee.)

3. SOUTH CAROLINA: 1958 legislation recommended by Governor Timmerman and approved by the General Assembly in their recently terminated 1958 session, authorizing the establishment of a 6 man permanent committee to investigate Communist activities in the state. (Offered by the House Ways and Means Committee, during the week of February 17-22, 1958.) We do not have the bill number, but hope the above description will identify the legislation.

(continued)

4. FLORIDA: A record of the February, 1958, hearings of the legislative committee described above, headed by Charles E. Johns, held in Tallahassee (February 10th, 11th, 12th) and Miami (February 26th, 27th, 28th). If records of any other hearings of this committee are available and can be ordered without specific description, we would like to obtain one (1) copy of each.

5. LOUISIANA: A record of hearings held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 7th, 8th, 9th, 1957, by the legislative committee on segregation headed by State Senator William Rainach, to find "the causes of racial unrest in the South." As in the case of the Florida legislative committee, we would also like one copy of any other recorded hearings of the Rainach Committee.

6. VIRGINIA: Any available records of hearings held by the Joint Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice of the General Assembly of Virginia (authorized by Chapter 34 of the 1957 Virginia Acts, and referred to as the Boatwright Committee) during 1957-58.

7. VIRGINIA: Any available records of hearings held by the Committee on Law Reform and Racial Activities (created pursuant to Chapter 37, 1956 Extra Session Acts of Virginia, headed by Delegate James M. Thompson), in particular, the hearing in Arlington, Virginia, September 19th and 20th, 1957.

Thank you very much for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM:lec

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: MM

From: FBR

Please cause to be sent to Ray Farabee, President
U. S. National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

twenty (20) copies of each of the following:

1. The Negro and the Schools
2. Segregation - Robert Penn Warren
3. Changing Patterns
4. Three Views of the Supreme Court Decision
5. What the Supreme Court Said
6. New South, (issue containing college summary)
7. Resistence Groups (Paul's mimeographed study)
8. Public Ethics and the Integration Question
9. New York Times (Popham piece)
10. SRC Publication lists

They would like for their permanent files or library a complete set of New South over the years. If this is possible, it is a worthwhile repository.

The above should be sent without charge.

1. Georgia Commission on Education
   220 Agriculture Building
   19 Hunter Street, S. W.
   Atlanta 3, Georgia
   (No regular publication)

2. States' Rights Council of Georgia, Inc.
   William-Oliver Building
   Atlanta 3, Georgia
   (No regular publication)

3. American States Rights Association, Inc.
   2112 First Avenue, N.
   Birmingham, Alabama
   (No regular publication)

4. The Citizen's Council (official paper of the Citizen's Councils of America)
   605 Plaza Building
   Jackson, Mississippi

5. American Nationalist
   Box 301
   Inglewood, California
   Frank L. Britton, Editor

6. National Citizens Protective Association
   P. O. Box 156
   St. Louis, Missouri
   (Publication: White Sentinel)

7. Association of Citizens Councils
   Winona
   Mississippi

June 17, 1958

Mr. Ray Farabee, President
U. S. National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ray:

It was good to talk with you while you were here at the NSA Advisory Committee Meeting. I believe we have accomplished a good deal. The summer seminar and the fall meeting promise to be exciting events.

I am sending you the materials we discussed - note the copy of the memo I sent our Research Assistant. I am also enclosing a list of the hate organizations. Hope you find them useful.

I look forward to seeing you in Columbus, Ohio, if not before.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosures -2- (Memo to Research Assistant; list of hate organizations)

June 17, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
Commission on Government and
Higher Education
108 W. 39th Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

Here we go again. Knowing of your interest in the role of state government in higher education, I felt you would be interested in the enclosed editorial from the Charlotte Observer. The L. S. U. situation looks like a case celebre of government interference with collegiate administration and academic freedom.

If we can be of any further help, feel free to call on us.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: reprint from Charlotte Observer

June 17, 1958

Mr. Robert Carr
General Secretary, AAUP
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Bob:

I am enclosing an editorial from the Charlotte Observer. It would seem to me that the association should be alert to what is happening at L. S. U. I am certain that the association is already on the job in this case, but hope this will further strengthen your determination to see this thing through.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: reprint from Charlotte Observer

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: JC

From: FBR

Re: Gratis Subscription to New South

While at the NAIRO Internship Seminar I met a good guy whom SRC should cultivate for possible future staff position. From time to time I will send him materials. Please add his name to your list of gratis subscriptions to New South:

Mr. Robert Blackburn
2739 Carter Road
Concord Park
Trevose, Pa.

Thanks.

June 18, 1958

Mr. Mayes Behrman
Box 33
Brasstown, North Carolina

Dear Mayes:

You slipped away from Atlanta without getting the materials I promised you. I am sending it to you separately. The Congressional record reprint serves as a good PR piece.

I believe the annual report is the best interpretive job yet done on SRC's program.

And I told Adlai,"If I had unlimited funds..."

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosures: New York Times; Congressional Record

June 18, 1958

Mr. Charles Livermore, Executive Secretary
Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Chas:

The strange crunching noise you hear out of your south window is your old sea dad eating crow because of the tragic developments in the Pennsylvania elections. 'Course, being a Southerner, I am taking it in liquid form - old crow with branch water; it's the branches you hear crunching.

On to 1960!

Me too,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Carbon copy to Honest John Lariet

June 18, 1958

Mr. Wade M. Mackie
American Friends Service Committee
Merit Employment Program
1608 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Wade:

Thanks for your letter regarding the availability of John Hurt for work in this field. From what you write of him, he sounds like the kind of person who has a significant contribution to make.

SRC is unlikely to have a suitable opening anytime soon, but four of the state councils are looking for directors. These are Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, or Georgia. If none of these works out, we might be helpful in putting John Hurt onto other possible opportunities. In any case, I will look forward to hearing from him.

Thanks for thinking of us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

1 copy of "South Carolinians Speak" mailed separately - 6/18/58

__VIA AIR MAIL__ June 18, 1958

Professor N. J. J. Olivier
P. O. Box 225
Stellenbosch, South Africa

Dear Professor Olivier:

Frank Loescher has informed me that you have accepted the position of South African Secretary for the United States-South African Leader Exchange Program. The program promises to be most worthwhile, and I know your association with it will be a mutually rewarding experience.

I am mailing you separately a booklet entitled "South Carolinians Speak," which you may find interesting. It is a compilation of statements on race relations by white "moderates" whose views range from temperately pro-segregation to temperately pro-integration. It represents one of the few effective efforts in the Deep South to promote rational discussion and debate on this crucial subject.

Please call on us at any time we can be of service. Meanwhile, with kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC to Frank Loescher

June 18, 1958

Mr. A. E. Cox
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

Many thanks for sharing with us these clippings and the mailing which arrived today. I took the liberty of pulling a few of the first batch and am assuming that we may keep the WCC literature. If that's not all right, let me know.

I hope you will continue to pass on items of interest. So much is happening, it's hard to keep up!

I hope we will see you here in Atlanta again soon. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - (Clippings)

June 18, 1958

Mr. C. M. Goethe
Crocker-Anglo Bank Building
Seventh and "J" Streets
Sacramento 14, California

Dear Mr. Goethe:

This will acknowledge with warm appreciation your contribution of $20 to the work of the Southern Regional Council.

For an organization like ours, these are days when it is easy to become disheartened. The tangible support of friends such as you gives us both strength and encouragement.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures-- 1 (Official receipt)

Copy sent to
Hubert Beckwith

June 18, 1958

Mr. David Scull
Annandale
Virginia

Dear Dave:

John Hope and I will both be in the Washington airport about 4:30 on the afternoon of Sunday, July 6. If you would like to have a preliminary discussion that evening, we will be glad to meet with you.

We appreciate your offer to drive us to Richmond on Monday morning. We accept. We both must be back in Washington Monday night at 9:40, but that gives us all day in Richmond and that should be enough as a starter.

I am off on a two week vacation, but any information sent to Paul Anthony at this office will be forwarded to me, or will be obtained by me when I call during my vacation.

I look forward to seeing you. All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P. S.
I am also writing Beck to this effect.
Carbon copy to John Hope
FBR:ls

June 18, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

This is to acknowledge formally receipt of the New World's check for $5,000, representing a grant to be used in support of the educational program of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations.

I am today forwarding our check in that amount to the North Carolina Council. I am sure that the grant will be put to wise and effective use.

I am also advising the officers of the North Carolina Council that they should supply you with periodic progress reports and appropriate financial statements on the use of these funds.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (official receipt)

June 18, 1958

Mr. Harry Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human
Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We are pleased to be the medium through which the grant of $5,000 from the New World Foundation is transmitted.

The letter from Vernon Eagle forwarding the Foundation's check for this purpose advises that the grant is intended "to support the educational program of the North Carolina Council on Human Relations." He further advises that the New World Foundation will expect "to receive progress reports on the work of the North Carolina Council from time to time, and a financial statement on the use of the funds at the appropriate time." I am assuming that you will follow through on these requests by direct correspondence with Mr. Eagle; however, as the agency receiving and transmitting the funds, it would be helpful to us to have information copies for our files.

Congratulations to you and your officers, and best wishes for a successful program under this grant.

Sincerely,

HCF/mf

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 4349, $5,000)
cc: Mr. John Wheeler and Dr. Raymond Wheeler

June 18, 1958

Mrs. Joe Nettles
Secretary to the Dean
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Nettles:

Thank you for your letter of June 16.

We should like to purchase a hundred (100) copies of the Spring issue of the Journal. Please have them sent to us with an invoice.

I shall hope for favorable word from Dr. Cuninggim, granting us permission to reprint his article on his return to the office.

W With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 18, 1958

To: JC

From: HCF

John, I have read this manuscript of GSM's. It is yet another version of what he has written and said many times. I would have no objection to your printing it in NEW SOUTH if you decide you would like to do so.

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June 18, 1958

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
The Daily Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your manuscript. I like it a lot and hope your agent will be successful in placing it. I am honored to be the quoted authority on page 1.

I must say that, while I agree wholeheartedly with your basic premise, I don't feel quite as optimistic as your article sounds. But there has been so much gloomy analysis and prpphecy, this positive emphasis is probably needed to balance the scales.

I am sorry to hear that I am going to miss a chance to see you again this weekend. I am about to be off until Monday.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM June 18, 1958

TO: JC

FROM: HCF

Claude Sitton is being tried out as Johnny Popham's replacement. For the time being he is based in Chattanooga, c/o John Popham at the Chattanooga Times. I promised we would send him anything that might be helpful as background to his coverage of school desegregation developments, notably in Virginia, come September. Will you consider what might be worth sending him, and forward it to him with a note?

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June 18, 1958

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Harold, who is away from the office, has asked me to acknowledge your letter of June 16th concerning the Alabama distribution of "South Carolinians Speak."

As soon as all returns are in from those whom we've contacted on this matter, we'll know how many we can shake loose from Alabama. This we should be able to do shortly. John Constable is handling the returns so you'll probably hear from him.

I have our file - such as it is - on the Alabama resistance movement for your inspection if and when you get the opportunity. If your trip to Fisk does not enable you to get by Atlanta, perhaps we can mail you anything of possible value. In the meantime, the missing envelope has turned up and that I enclose - empty gesture though it is.

Best wishes,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA

June 18, 1958

Mr. James R. Robinson
Executive Secretary
Congress of Racial Equality
38 Park Row
New York 38, New York

Dear Mr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter and the copy of the CORE pamphlet "A First Step Toward School Integration." I am even more pleased with the pamphlet after seeing the excellent layout.

I have informed our Secretary-Treasurer concerning the order of a hundred copies and your check will be mailed in the next few days. In the meantime we shall do all we can to get a wider distribution of the pamphlet.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
cc/ Anna Holden

Same letter sent to:
Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
Mr. Art Levin
Mrs. Ben Russell
Mr. Lewis Deer
Rev. Miss Annie Campbell

June 18, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

Please note, for several reasons we have had to change the dates for our meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned from October 23-24, to October 16-17. The place is still Atlanta.

Please give us a list of women from your denomination, from states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky. We will have funds to cover expense for one per state from your group. However, we suggest you give us, if possible the names of two from each state, listing them one and two. If the first named finds it impossible to attend, an invitation will be sent to the other one.

Thanking you for your help and your cooperation, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

June
~~July~~ 18, 1958

Miss Caroline Hodgin, Secretary
Alexandria Council on Human Relations
425 Summers Drive
Alexandria, Virginia

Dear Miss Hodgin:

On receipt of your letter of June 10, concerning New South subscriptions, our receptionist has carefully checked our stencil list against the list of names you mailed us. We have these people listed on stencils, and they should be getting New South. However, some of the addresses on your list do not correspond with the addresses on our stencils. These we have corrected, and in some cases have mailed, first class, copies of New South.

If in the next few days you find that any of these people still are not receiving New South, please let me know again and I will try my best to straighten out the matter.

Again I am sorry for this delay in New South reaching the Alexandria members. Please let me know if any additional steps are necessary.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 18, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II.
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

I am arriving in Washington on Sunday, July 6 at 2:45 in the afternoon. Unless we make other plans, I will meet you at the airport when you arrive. I am writing Beckwith and Scull about our time of arrival - around 4:30. If they want to meet us then so we can have preliminary talks that evening, fine and well. I will ask them to send you copies of whatever they send me.

I am scheduled from Washington to Nashville July 7, at 9:40 P. M., American air lines flight 657 - that's the one you suggested, so we will be together.

I will be in Nashville Tuesday and Wednesday, and leave Thursday morning. You might drop Paul Anthony a note if there is any conflict. I will call him during my vacation.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

P. S.
Please tell Herman of my schedule.

FBR:ls

June 18, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Service, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Court:

I arrive in Savannah on Thursday, July 10, at 7:03 P. M. I am coming by Delta air lines, flight 385. I would appreciate it if I could be met, but would understand if it is impossible. I would then get a U-Drive-It and proceed to Penn.

Unfortunately, this is the only flight convenient for me for I return to Atlanta only that morning.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

June 19, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

In accordance with your request of June 15, I have mailed Mr. Spiro some material concerning the Southern Regional Council. I also enclosed several copies of New South, in which I thought he might be interested.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

Form letter used to acknowledge FBR's correspondence during his absence June 19-July 14.

June 19, 1958

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 18 to Mr. Routh.

Mr. Routh is out of town and will not return to his office until July 14. Your letter will be called to his attention at that time.

In the meantime, if we can be of service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

June 19, 1958

Mr. Ray Farabee, President
U. S. National Student Association
1234 Gimbel Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ray:

Hope you don't think you will be inundated by correspondence from this office, but here is an annotated bibliography that our Research Assistant did. I think you will find it most helpful.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh, signed
in his absence)

FBR:ls

Enclosure (annotated bibliography)

June 19, 1958

Mr. John B. Morris
St. Barnabas' Episcopal Church
605 East Cleveland Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

I did enjoy our conversation when you were here and only wish that there had been time for us to talk at much greater length.

I have read with interest the sample letters of reactions to "South Carolinians Speak." If you have no pressing need for them, I would like to hold on to them for a while and consider ways in which their contents might be effectively used to shed light on Deep South attitudes. I will be writing you again about this within a couple of weeks.

I wish you the very best of luck in your plans to further your education.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 20, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman, Director
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Although I have talked with Al Nehrer since I returned to the office yesterday, he will be unable to tell me which pamphlets he would like to have in New Orleans until tomorrow. In the meantime, you may use your own judgment regarding what to send to Fisk. I think that you should allow for about twenty-five participants in the labor seminar, and you can determine for yourself how many of the one hundred sixty-five general Institute participants you wish to reach. The following are the ones that I think might receive special attention, not necessarily at the exclusion of the others: FEAR AND PREJUDICE; SECURITY, CIVIL LIBERTIES, AND UNIONS; THE LOUISVILLE STORY; CAN MORALITY BE LEGISLATED?; DISCRIMINATION COSTS YOU MONEY; DISCRIMINATION COSTS TOO MUCH; LABOR LOOKS AT CIVIL LIBERTIES; WHO'S ON FIRST.

It is my understanding that you now plan to be at Fisk for the whole of the first week. I hope this is the case. Herman Long will be writing you about a special session with the film, "Burden of Truth". I have already reserved the film with Frank Shane. He is sending it to Fisk, and has sent you appropriate materials relative to it. I am sorry that the general pressure of duties and my absence from the office has delayed these words getting to you.

Best personal wishes, and I am very happy that you will be with us at Fisk.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 20, 1958

Mr. Fred B. Sweet, Editor
Catering Industry Employee
Hotel and Resturant Employees' International Union
525 Walnut Street
Cincinatti 2, Ohio

Dear Brother Sweet:

At the suggestion of Boris Shishkin, I am sending you the enclosed materials on our labor seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. The labor seminar will focus on the problems of racial relations and civil rights as they affect the labor movement.

It is my understanding that you now bear the Civil Rights responsibility in your International. We would very much like to have you in attendance at the Fisk labor seminars.

The greater proportion of those attending the labor seminar will be staff persons from the south; however, northern representatives and the official representatives of some of the Civil Rights departments will also participate. I trust that it will be possible for you or someone else from your union to attend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures -3- (Fisk announcement; SRC announcement; SRC "Board" list).

246 Westminster Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 23, 1958

Senator William Rainach
State Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Rainach:

I would like very much to obtain a copy of the transcript of hearings held on March 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1957, in Baton Rouge, by the legislative investigating committee which you head. Please send to me at the above address and bill me for any charges.

Yours very truly,

B. J. Thompson

246 Westminster Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 23, 1958

Senator Charles E. Johns
State Capitol
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Johns:

I would like very much to obtain a copy of the transcript of hearings held in Tallahassee on February 10th, 11th, 12th, 1958 and in Miami on February 26th, 27th, and 28th, by the legislative committee which you head. Please send to me at the above address and bill me for any charges.

Yours very truly,

B. J. Thompson

246 Westminster Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 23, 1958

Joint Committee on Offenses Against the
Administration of Justice
State Capitol
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I would like very much to obtain any available transcripts of hearings held by the Joint Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice.

Please send to me at the above address and bill me for any charges.

Yours very truly,

B. J. Thompson

246 Westminster Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

June 23, 1958

Committee on Law Reform and Racial
Activities
State Capitol
Richmond, Virginia

Gentlemen:

I would like very much to obtain any available transcripts of hearings held by the Committee on Law Reform and Racial Activities, in particular, the hearing in Arlington, Virginia, September 19th and 20th, 1957.

Please send to me at the above address and bill me for any charges.

Yours very truly,

B. J. Thompson

June 23, 1958

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Assistant to the Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

Thank you so very much for your letter of June 19th and the texts of Florida and Louisiana legislation which you enclosed. In regard to the reports of the two Virginia investigating committees (the Committee on Offenses Against the Administration of Justice and the Committee on Law Reform and Racial Activities), we would like very much to obtain copies of the two pamphlets. If you could spare them for a couple of days, we have facilities for copying the printed matter very quickly, and will return the pamphlets to you immediately.

Thank you again for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 23, 1958

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Santangelo
1328 - B
South George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Santangelo:

It was good to have met you in Washington. Under separate cover some materials about SRC are coming your way.

Information regarding contacts in Arlington will be forwarded to you shortly. Best wishes for finding your own good roles in the situation there.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 23, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones, Executive Secretary
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
Room 209
121 East Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 21. Mr. Routh is out of town and will not return to the office until July 14.

Thank you for the quarterly report. Although Mr. Routh will not have an opportunity to see it before his arrival in Nashville, it will be called to his attention upon his return to the office.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

June 23, 1958

Mr. David Scull
Annandale
Virginia

Dear David:

It was good to have talked with you by phone in Washington the other day. I met a young couple in Washington who live in Arlington and would like to be related to any good moves in that area. They struck me as able, committed, and presentable folk. Both of them have done academic work at the University of North Carolina. He teaches English at George Washington, and she teaches in the D. C. public school.

They are:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Santangelo
1328 - B, South George Mason Drive
Arlington, Virginia

Could you take the initiative in seeing that these folk find their way into proper channels so that they can begin to relate meaningfully to the positive moves in Arlington.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via

EFV:ls

June 23, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 20. Mr. Routh is out of town and will not be back in his office until July 14. However, we shall notify him that you plan to meet him in Savannah.

At your request we have contacted both Dr. Mays and Mrs. Hamilton. Dr. Mays has been out of town, and has received no information concerning the Advisory Committee meeting. Mrs. Hamilton could not say definitely that she would be able to attend, but asks that we assure you that she will make every effort to be there. If she is able to come, she will notify you of her expected time of arrival.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

Originals of this same letter sent to:
Mr. H. D. Lisk (TWUA)
Mr. Dave Terry (TWUA)
Mr. Herbie Williams (TWUA)
Mr. Jim O'Shay (TWUA)
~~Mr. John Brophy (IUD, AFL-CIO)~~
~~Mr. Stanton Smith (Tenn. St. Lbr. Counc.)~~
Mr. Ben Segal
Mr. W. A. Rowe, AFSCME
Mr. Cloyd Alexander
Mr. Donald McCullar
Mr. James E. Turner, URWA
Mr. Ray Nixon, URWA
Mr. Earl A. Crowder
Mr. Ellison Jeffries (USA)
Mr. Paul Ward (AFT)
Mr. Earl C. Pippin
Mr. Westen (USA)

June 24, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder, Secretary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens' Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Brother Holder:

I am looking forward to having you with us for the Labor Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. There will be informal bull sessions on Sunday evening, June 29th, and the first labor session will begin about 10:00 A. M. Monday, June 30th.

Details regarding registration and directions are being sent to you by Fisk University.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 24, 1958

Mr. Victor Bussie, President
Louisiana State Labor Council
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Vic:

When you returned my call on Sunday evening, I did not have my "little list". The thing that I forgot to ask you was whether or not you would be able to provide me with a print of the "Cameron Story" to use at the Fisk Institute. I not only want the labor guys to see it, but I think that it would be an excellent interpretive piece for the Institute as a whole.

I realize that this is a late date for such a request, but we could probably use it anytime it arrived through July 4. You would perhaps like to know that Frans Daniels thought that the film was excellently done. He indicated that he thought it was the best such film ever produced by the labor movement. This is high praise from an old hand.

Best wishes in your current endeavors, and I hope to see you before too long. The film, if available, can be sent to me:

c/o Dr. Herman Long
Fisk Institute of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 24, 1958

Mr. Harold Boyd, President
Mr. Brewster Snow, Secretary-Treasurer
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belvedere
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Hal and Brewster:

When I last heard from you it was not certain which of you would be attending the Labor Seminar at Fisk University. But I am looking forward to having one of you with us next week.

You will receive information from Fisk about accommodations, where to register, etc. Our first labor session will probably be on the morning of Monday, June 30th.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 24, 1958

Mr. E. T. Kirkland
Secretary-Treasurer, South Carolina
   Labor Council, AFL-CIO
119 South Parker Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Brother Kirkland:

I am sorry to have missed you on my recent visit to Columbia. I had a good discussion with Sinway Young, and he indicated that he thought there was a good possibility that you would be able to participate in the Labor Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. I am enclosing our announcement of this program. You will receive further information on registration, etc. from Fisk.

Although we will have informal bull sessions on Sunday evening, June 29th, our first labor session will probably begin late morning on Monday, June 30th. I am looking forward to having you with us for the Institute.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures (materials concerning Fisk Institute Seminar)

June 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Would it be possible for you to obtain and forward to us a copy of the 1958 South Carolina legislation authorizing the establishment of a six man permanent committee to investigate Communist activities in the state (offered by the House Ways and Means Committee during the week of February 17-22, 1958)?

We are currently attempting to pull together the texts of state segregation legislation affecting human relations organizations ; however, we have not been able to obtain this particular act and doubt if the capitol would send it to us if we ordered it by mail without identification. We would be very grateful if you could request a copy by phone and forward it to us. Let us know, of course, what the charges are and we will reimburse you.

Thank you very much for any help you can give us in this matter.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Air Mail

June 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Could you please try to obtain SRC a copy of the final county-by-county figures on registration in South Carolina, with the racial breakdown? We have the earlier newspaper clipping, but it lists only a portion of the counties and we urgently need the additional figures which I understand have been released.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

June 24, 1958

Mr. Claude Sitton
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sitton:

Harold Fleming asked me to send you some background material concerning the segregation issues and especially some material on Virginia. We are mailing you, under separate cover, a packet of material which I think may be useful. We are including some specific material on Virginia, plus some newspaper clippings from the Charlottesville paper which might be helpful in evaluating the situation in that state.

We already have entered your name on our subscription list to New South.

If we can be of any help to you in your work with the Chattanooga Times or otherwise, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 25, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Fred is away from the office and will not return until after the Fisk Institute. Therefore, I am taking the liberty of answering your letter of the 24th.

I am not too familiar with the schedule at Fisk; however, it seems safe to say that the great majority of the business at hand will be completed by Thursday evening. I should think you will miss little if anything by leaving Friday morning.

Emory, who is rushing about preparing for his Labor Seminar for the first week of the Fisk Institute, asks that I express his deep appreciation for your work on the employment situation in Birmingham. You will hear from him on this matter.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

SENT TO: P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station

June 25, 1958

Mr. Patrick McCauley
Assistant to the Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
1109 Nineteenth Avenue, South
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Dear Mr. McCauley:

We are returning herewith, via air mail special delivery, the two pamphlets from your files containing reports from Virginia legislative committees.

Thank you so much for their use. They were very helpful to us.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 2

June 25, 1958

Mr. Lee J. Price
1005 S. E. 6th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mr. Price:

This is to acknowledge your letter of June 24. Mr. Routh is away from the office and will not return until July 14.

In his absence we are happy to supply you with the materials you have requested. Fifty copies of the issue of NEW SOUTH you requested, and fifty copies of the *New York Times* reprint are being mailed to you under separate cover.

If we can be of further service to you, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

June 25, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver, Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
Department, UAW
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

I understand from a recent letter from Roy Reuther that you will be with us for the Fisk Institute. Good! I take it that you have already been notified that your services are wanted in a panel discussion before the whole Institute on the general theme of "Labor's Role in the South". In large measure, this will be a session devoted to interpreting the labor movement to the uninitiated. It is my understanding that this session has been scheduled for early morning, July 3rd.

Of course we are also looking forward to your participation in the labor seminar sessions. One thing that I am hoping to do toward the end of the week is to have an hour or more devoted to brief summaries of the kinds of work done by the various civil rights or fair practices committees of the International Unions. It is my hope that this will lead to exchange of ideas and brief some of the staff people present on the ways in which they can make use of their own civil rights departments. We would especially want you to be on hand to take part in this session.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 25, 1958

Mr. Matthew Lynch, Vice-President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Matt:

I know that this is a pressed time for you as you are laboring to get your own Institute under way. I am sending this letter on in case I fail to reach you by phone. We are looking forward to having your participation in the Labor Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations; I trust that you will be able to make a great number of the sessions.

There is one special job which I would very much like for you to undertake. On the afternoon of Wednesday, July 2, we will have a session on how racial issues relate to labor's interest in politics. Earl Davis of the COPE staff will be helping out with that session, but I am hoping that you will be free to either lead part of the discussion or to take part in a panel. Essentially what is wanted is for you to speak from your own experience in Tennessee and from your observations of the activities in other southern states.

In any case, I will be in touch with you after I arrive in Nashville. Best wishes for a most successful Institute this coming weekend.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 25, 1958

Mr. John Brophy, Representative
Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Brother Brophy:

Enclosed are some materials announcing our Labor Seminar to be held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. During a recent visit to Washington Russ Allen said that he would bring this program to your attention, and indicated that it might be possible for you to attend. I hope that this will be the case.

Although there will be informal bull sessions on the evening of Sunday, June 29th, the first of the regular labor seminar sessions will begin about 10:00 A. M. Monday, June 30th. Your participation in these sessions would be most welcomed, and I trust that the late notification will not bar your attendance.

Sincerely and fraternally

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures (information concerning Fisk Institute)

SENT VIA AIR MAIL

Daily File

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM

June 25, 1958

To: State Chairmen and Executive Directors

From: Harold C. Fleming

Re: Quarterly Reports

Since Fred Routh is out of the office for an extended period, I am writing this brief reminder that July 1 will begin another quarter under our aid program. I'm sure it's unnecessary to point out that we are looking for your quarterly program and financial reports so that action can be taken in accordance with our original agreement for this fiscal year.

We are looking forward to being with the state staff members at the forthcoming Race Relations Institute at Fisk University.

Best regards.

HCF/ls

June 26, 1958

Mrs. William C. Pauley
943 Clifton Road, N. E.
Atlanta 7, Georgia

Dear Frances:

The newspaper account of Dr. Otis Smith's misfortunes in Fort Valley is substantially correct. We were exposed to the facts at the time of Dr. Smith's forced departure from Peach County and had an opportunity to talk with him and his wife as well as other more disinterested persons who were acquainted with the situation. Time Magazine interviewed a number of the principles in the case, and found the facts to be as we had them.

There seemed to be little anybody could do to remedy the situation and I understand that he has now set up practice here in Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1958

Mr. John S. Hurt, Jr.
Baton Rouge General Hospital
3600 Florida Street
Baton Rouge 9, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Hurt:

I am glad to have your letter of June 24 informing me of your interest in finding employment in the human relations field. Certainly we want to be helpful in every way we can. As I wrote to Wade Mackie there are several positions open with State Councils on Human Relations.

It is a lucky coincidence that you are to be at the Fisk Institute for the second week. Both Fred Routh and I will be there during that week, as will staff members of our associated State Councils. I trust we will have an opportunity to talk then and will defer more concrete suggestions in the expectation of seeing you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 26, 1958

Mr. Harris Wofford
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Harris:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Dean Johnson forwarding him information about the Commission on Race and Housing. Since I only had one copy of the enclosure, I sent it to him, assuming that it would be readily available to you as well. I am placing Tiffany, Shine, Johnson and Jackson on our mailing list along with you. If there are other staff members who should receive New South directly, please let me know.

In your Capahosic note, you referred to some recent report of ours which you had not seen. I assume that it is our rather light weight special report. I am sending you a copy of that one as well as the other additional materials you wanted. Gordon Tiffany has written to ask that we send him everything the Council has on the status of voter registration. I will do so as soon as we can pull it together with the promise of more current information as soon as our new survey bears fruit.

It was good to be with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Copy of HCF's ltr. to Dean Geo. M. Johnson)

June 26, 1958

Separate mailing to Harris Wofford:

1 copy - Special Report: "The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter"

10 copies - Population Distr. Map

30 copies - "In the Hearts of Men" or its substitute - NEW SOUTH which carried Atlanta Ministers Statement

10 copies - "The Negro Voter in the South"

June 26, 1958

Mr. Lewis E. Durham
Southeastern Methodist Youth Convocation
P. O. Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Durham:

I am sorry to learn that the plans for the convocation had to be canceled. The program included issues which should be of top concern to Methodist youth and their leaders; it is too bad that this opportunity to discuss, think, and to be challenged is to be missed.

I had looked forward to being with your group at Lake Junaluska. I trust that you and Mr. Clary will call on me or on the Southern Regional Council in the future whenever we can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 26, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

This is the first chance I have had to write you since I saw Allen Pifer last Friday. I tried to call you before I left New York, but had the misfortune to find you out.

I had a very good hour's conversation with Pifer. He said that he and Stackpole thought well of our request, will discuss it with the American Program staff whose recommendation would be all important, and that we might expect word in September or early October. He did say that they would like a budget breakdown showing generally where the money would go, and I will be sending him that in a day or two. In short, I think we are in as good shape as we could expect, and I am grateful for all your help.

I spent a couple of days with Vernon Eagle at the Phelps-Stokes Fund's Capahosic Conference. I suppose I needn't tell you that both he and Pifer spoke of you in glowing terms - as indeed everybody interested in your program seems to do.

I will be looking for word from you one of these days on your plans for a trip to Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

June 26, 1958

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Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

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It was good to be with you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 26, 1958

Mr. Eugene Jackson
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I enjoyed our conversation the other day and recall that you were interested in seeing the booklet, Integration North and South. I am sending a copy of this to you separately for inclusion in the Commission's library.

I hope I will be seeing you further in the near future.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

It was good to be with you at Capahosic. I hope our maneuvers will produce results.

In conversation with Vernon Eagle after you left, I found that he felt it was settled that you are to send him names of persons who might suitably take part in a conference on uses of foundation money in the South. I hope you will have an opportunity to follow this up.

You were also to let me know what date for the August Executive Committee meeting looks possible to you. I will be looking forward to word from you.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I enjoyed our standby and other associations last week. You will be glad to know that John Hope and I stood by successfully on a national flight to Washington. I put in a hard working and I think useful day with the Civil Rights Commission on Monday.

I recall, among other things, your suggestion that I send you some evaluation of the program and needs of the State Councils on Human Relations. I will follow through on this as quickly as possible and will appreciate anything you can do to generate support for these grass roots efforts.

Meanwhile, I hope you will let me know if I can help run down any of the many rabbits you have jumped up.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 26, 1958

Mr. C. S. Cartwright
Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capital
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert and Nat:

The other day I had a pleasant lunch with some of the staff members of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. (I am glad to report that we have now joined you as beneficiaries of the RBF.)

In the course of the conversation, they expressed some unhappiness that they had not had more from you by way of information on the work and progress of the Arkansas Council. Nat's talk with Meserve here in Atlanta has helped some, but apparently their thirst for information is not quenched. Believe me, I realize that it's a strain to be forever preparing reports to benefactors. But since two further years of major assistance hangs on their good opinion of the Arkansas Council, I would suggest that you give this chore extra attention.

I know you are depressed, as we are, by Judge Lemley's atrocious decision. It hardly seems possible that his ruling can be reversed before September, surely it ultimately will be.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MEMORANDUM June 26, 1958

To: MM and JC

From: HCF

You will recall that in staff meeting we agreed that you were to give me whatever we have in our files on Senator Rainach of Louisiana. I am, in turn, to send this on to Harry Fleishman. If we have little or nothing, let me know so that I can figure out some way to go after the information.

June 26, 1958

Mr. Alan Reitman
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Alan:

Thank you for posting me on the outcome of your correspondence with UPI. Earl Johnson's reply certainly speaks well for your relations with the Press.

In case you have not seen it, enclosed is a copy of your letter as published by the Atlanta Journal. It looks as though they edited it some, but not damagingly.

I am sorry I didn't see you at the Mass Media Committee meeting last week. We hatched some interesting plans which Harry Fleischman will no doubt pass on to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Article from Atlanta Journal, dtd. 6/23/58, "Group Denies Any Tie-in With Reds.")

June 26, 1958

Miss Miriam Sample
Secretary to Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Sample:

Many thanks for sending me so promptly the Tuskegee report and the reprints of Mel Tumin's articles. These materials are very interesting and helpful.

If more copies are available, I should like to have a dozen copies of each. If you will see that they are sent to me with an invoice, I will be grateful.

Please tell Oscar that I am sorry I missed him but will hope to see him in the near future.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 26, 1958

Dr. George M. Johnson
Director of Research and Planning
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Dr. Johnson:

It was good to have a chance to discuss common interests with you on Monday. As a first installment on the various things I plan to send you, I am enclosing a copy of the news release, issued some time ago by the Fund for the Republic, announcing the establishment of an independent Commission on Race and Housing and defining the scope of its work.

My understanding is that the final report of the Commission is at the printing stage or very nearly so. I also understand that the Commission has prepared various interim reports for circulation among its staff members and consultants. I should think that the findings would be of great help to you in your approach to the whole problem of racial discrimination in housing throughout the country. If you wish to inquire directly about the work of the Commission and the availability of its reports, you should write to Professor Davis McEntire, Research Director, Commission on Race and Housing, 2180 Milvia Street, Berkeley 4, California.

As of related interest, I am sending separately a recent issue of Phylon devoted to housing and minorities and urban renewal.

I am placing your name on our mailing list and would be happy to have you call on me for any information we may have that is not contained in our printed materials.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (FFR News Release, dtd. June 15, 1956)

June 26, 1958

Bureau of Public Administration
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Please forward one (1) copy of REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN ALABAMA, by Donald S. Strong to me in care of the above address. Bill to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 26, 1958

Mr. Thomas G. Barrett
Inter-Racial Church Movement, Inc.
P. O. Box 8132
Washington 24, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Thank you for your letter of June 23 requesting information concerning work an interracial group. The person on our staff who would be able to give you much information and help is Mr. Fred Routh, who is away on an extended trip.

In Mr. Routh's absence, we are sending you some general information and publications which we trust will be of help. Your letter will be called to Mr. Routh's attention upon his return to the office.

Best wishes in your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

Enclosures: NEW SOUTH
CHANGING PATTERNS
NEXT STEPS IN THE SOUTH
THE LOUISVILLE STORY

Daily file

June 26, 1958

The STATE

Columbia, South Carolina

Gentlemen:

Please forward one (1) copy of the Monday, June 16th issue of The STATE to me at the above address. Bill and send to the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson

Research Assistant

MM/blc

Copy of Scott's ltr. and blind copy of HCF's ltr. sent to John Hope.

June 26, 1958

Dr. C. Waldo Scott
Whittaker Memorial Hospital
Newport News, Virginia

Dear Dr. Scott:

Thank you for your letter of June 19. I am enclosing with our compliments a copy of the issue of New South which contains an article on bi-racial advisory committees. The article is rather general in nature, but I hope it will be of some assistance to you in your community efforts.

We expect to have staff members and consultants visiting Virginia in the course of the summer, and I shall suggest to them that they call on you when they are in Newport News.

With kindest regards,

Sincesely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (New South, March/1956)

Daily file
Copy

June 26, 1958

Mr. John Ramsay
United Steelworkers of America
A.F.L. - C.I.O.

Washington, D. C.

Dear John:

Following your call to my office two weeks ago, I have endeavored to look into the situation in Richmond, Virginia, involving the United Steelworkers and the Virginia Steel Corporation. Following are some of my observations, understandings of the facts, and suggestions.

The local union in this contract dispute was an old federal local, but is now affiliated with the USA. The entire membership, about 70 persons, is Negro. The company has fairly recently become a subsidiary of Bethlehem Steel. The strike now in progress has continued for about eight weeks. The original overall demands of the union were to get the Virginia corporation under the terms of the Bethlehem contract. But I understand from Steel staff that it was not expected that all these gains would be achieved in this round.

Non-union workers, all white, have been hired into the plant in such numbers that nearly full production is underway. The company has filed for a decertification election which will take place June 26.

One unit of the company, all white, is organized by the Iron Workers union and these men have been

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crossing the picket line regularly. The local steel staff person, Bob Boyer, has written to President Lyons of the Iron Workers, and has had an answer indicating that their contract was such that they were required to cross the line.

According to Boyer, either the Switchmen or members of the BRT are pushing train cars across the picket line. Boyer felt that he had been assured by a representative of the union, Lester Kimball, 203 Prospect Drive, Alexandria, Virginia, that his union members would not violate the picket line; however, the cars have continued to cross. I understand that Jack Marion of the Virginia Council on Human Relations and Dean Henderson of Virginia Union University have written letters to the Bethlehem Steel company indicating the harmful effects to community and racial relations that such a situation can engender.

Lorne Nelles indicated by phone that he had made several approaches to key persons in the Bethlehem corporation to sensitize them to the dangers in this situation and the violation of Bethlehem company policy. He reports no success whatsoever in his endeavor.

It is obvious that the situation is much involved in the economic position of the union, the locals' strength as a bargaining unit, and the relations with management. However, I am not sufficiently informed to make any meaningful criticisms in this regard. So far as I personally know, the situation was well handled by Boyer and Nelles. They did about what could be done in terms of techniques, available union machinery, and what the national and state laws allow. I have not felt from the reports that I have had that the racial angles to this situation were the most important aspects of it. The obvious exception to this judgment, and the one perhaps still needing investigation, is whether the white unionists and the white "scabs" would have crossed the picket line had the pickets and the union they represented been white?

I have discussed this situation with Franz Daniels in the Organizing Department, with Charlie Weber in the Department of Religious Relations, and with Boris Shiskin in the Civil Rights Department.

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I told each of them that I thought the first order of business was to find out precisely the relation between the "white unions" and the violations of the picket line. It seemed to me that until I had some assurances regarding that situation and could say that the labor movement was attempting to remedy this major fault that I was somewhat cut off from requesting aid from other community and business persons in the Richmond area. I wanted to go to them with clean hands on my part and on the part of the labor movement.

The Virginia State AFL-CIO convention passed a resolution regarding this strike, and made mention of the fact that iron workers were crossing the line. It is my understanding that the iron workers are not affiliated with the Virginia State AFL-CIO.

I was told that Oliver Singleton, operating out of the Baltimore regional office of the AFL-CIO, would have someone make a report on this problem in Richmond and how the different unions involved relate to it.

A suggestion which I made to you by phone also interested Nelles as well. The case has many interesting angles for both the general community and for the labor movement. It seems to me that it is a recession story; but it is also a Taft-Hartley and a "right-to-work" law story; and it is necessarily a story in racial relations. I think that a good writer could come up with a first-class piece; of course there might need to be a willingness to let the chips fall where they may as far as the labor movement itself is concerned. Perhaps such a piece could be limited to distribution in the labor movement or just in Steelworkers circles.

Nelles indicated the other day that he felt it was hopeless to expect a favorable settlement at this point. Of course, the decertification election tomorrow may settle it for all time. It is deeply disturbing to me that this kind of situation could have developed and I regret that there is no way to just say, "Here is an answer to the problem". As disheartening as it seems, I expect each of us has done what we could, especially this late in the game, to find some leverage or some handle by which this problem could have found a more positive answer.

Since I have discussed the matter with Frank Shane at some length, I am taking the liberty of sending a

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copy of this letter to him.

John, I hope you will call on us again and that our efforts can be much more successful. As you know so well, in any matter involving community relations it is a great help to be keyed in as early as possible. Of course, it is rare that we anticipate a situation deteriorating so rapidly as this one.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf

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Materials sent:

- Negro Voter
- Next Steps
- Three Views
- What Supreme Court Said
- Changing Patterns
- All recent New Souths
- Two MAW speeches
- NYT reprint
- Wall St. Journal reprint
- 20 Publication Listings

June 27, 1958

Mr. James A. Clark
2423 Virginia Beach Boulevard
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Clark:

Mrs. Luesta Knox of the Georgia Council on Human Relations, passed on your request for materials to the Southern Regional Council. We are sending you, under separate cover, copies of material which may be used for display purposes, and a number of Publication Listings.

If we can be of aid in supplying additional copies of material, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Daily file

June 27, 1958

Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain the results of a study of attitudes toward school desegregation in Guilford County, North Carolina, which was made by students from Princeton University under the direction of Doctor Melvin Tumin during late 1957. If the findings of this study are available, please send one (1) copy to me at the above address, and bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Margo Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

Daily file

June 27, 1958

Confraternity of Christian Doctrine
7845 Wolmsley Avenue
New Orleans 25, Louisiana

Gentlemen:

Please send to me at the above address one (1) copy of FOR MEN OF GOOD WILL, by Robert Gurte, and bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

June 27, 1958

Mr. Mike Betzold
Amalgamated Butcher Workmen's Union
70 Allen Drive
Pittsburg 14, Pennsylvania

Dear Brother Betzold:

I understand from the officers of the Virginia State AFL-CIO that in an organizing campaign of about two months ago in Roanoke, Virginia, that some vicious propaganda was used against the union. I would very much like to have copies of any materials, leaflets, or letters that were distributed either by management or groups working against the interests of the union. I am especially interested in any materials which make use of racial issues.

I have been working with the labor movement throughout twelve southern states on problems relating to racial relations. One of the areas in which I am attempting to get as much information as possible is how the race issue is used in organizing campaigns. Over the past eighteen months we have collected a good bit of material. The items used against the butcher workmen in Roanoke would be important additions to the materials already collected.

If you only have single copies of these materials, I would be glad to make duplicates and return the originals to you. Or if necessary, you could have the duplicates made and I would be happy to reimburse you for the cost.

I look forward to hearing from you in the near future. On a recent trip to Chicago Ray Dickow, who edits the Butcher Workmen, gave me your Pittsburg address and I am writing you there rather than trying to reach you in Virginia.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

June 27, 1958

Miss Priscilla R. Perry
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Florida Regional Office
330 Seybold Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Miss Perry:

Fred Routh passed on to the Information Department your request concerning interfaith, interracial organizations working in the South. Actually there are not a large number of such organizations, and most of them are ministerial associations which have integrated in the past few years. Enclosed is a copy of some of the ministerial associations which are known to be integrated.

Also enclosed is a directory of Human Relations organizations working in the South. It should be fairly easy for you to determine which ones of these fall into the category you mentioned.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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Enclosures

June 27, 1958

Mr. Gordon Tiffany
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

I enjoyed my discussions with you and the others last Monday and came away most impressed with the calibre of the staff that has been assembled.

It is flattering to learn that the quest for data on voter registration in the South leads inevitably to the Southern Regional Council. Our reputation is probably somewhat exaggerated, since our last full blown survey in that field took place in the summer and fall of 1956. Our more recent data consist mainly of official reports and newspaper accounts. We are currently reproducing and pulling this material together for transmittal to you.

As I think I may have told you, the Southern Regional Council has recently received a modest grant which will enable us to follow-up our 1956 survey, at least to the extent of a generous sampling of subsequent developments in Negro suffrage. Findings of this survey will be released from time to time, and I will see that you receive them promptly.

As to the other matter we discussed Monday, I am compiling a short descriptive list of Deep South counties which will be appropriate for case studies. You will hear from me further on this within a few days.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL June 27, 1958

Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
The Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Enclosed is a biographical data sheet on Paul M. Rilling who will be available for new employment on July 1. For the past two years Paul has been serving as special project director of the YMCA's Race Relations Program on Southern college campuses. The staff of SRC has worked closely with him. As you will see from the data sheet, he has had other experiences in the South which gives him unusual qualifications for professional work in the human relations field. Although he is not a native born Southerner, he has spent all of his working years in the South and is thoroughly familiar with our peculiar ways and institutions.

I can recommend him to you unreservedly as a first-rate man in this field. He knows the literature, techniques, organizations resources, and administrative procedures that are important in this kind of work. He is deeply committed and conscientious. If you must look outside of Virginia for a successor to Jack Marion, it would be hard to find a better candidate than Paul.

I don't know what salary the Virginia Council feels it can commit itself to. This may be a stumbling block, although I am sure Rilling would be willing to work, at a job in this field about which he was enthusiastic, for less than he might make in another field. I understand that his salary in the job that he is now leaving is $6,600 per year. Incidentally, he is leaving because the project, which was a temporary one, has expired.

If you are interested in discussing employment with him, I am sure he would be willing to make a trip to Virginia, assuming that his expenses could be paid. Should you decide on this, perhaps you would want to invite him up in conjunction with the July 7 meeting with John Hope and Fred Routh. Time is short, I know, but my efforts to reach each of you by telephone yesterday were unsuccessful. If you would like to discuss this further, in a hurry, please feel free to call me collect at the SRC office.

I hope this suggestion will be of some help.

Best wishes for a successful meeting on the 7th.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. David Scull

Enclosure - 1 (Biographical Data Sheet on Paul M. Rilling)

June 27, 1958

Mrs. Carol Renner Arth
Executive Secretary to the Commission
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Arth:

Thank you for your letter of June 20th.

I have recently had an opportunity to visit the offices of the Commission and have placed on the mailing list of the Southern Regional Council several of the staff members, including Mr. Tiffany and Dr. Johnson. If you would like me to make an addition to the mailing list in the name of the Commission itself, please let me know and I shall be glad to do so.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I know you will be glad to see the enclosed copy of a letter which arrived day before yesterday from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. You will recall that we discussed, at the last Executive Committee meeting, this major request and the program we hoped it would make possible. Since the meeting, we have also had the good news that the New World Foundation has approved a renewed grant for our Consultant Service Program, in the amount of $15,000. Both of these grants offer tremendous challenge which I hope we can meet effectively.

Within a few days, I expect to get out a memorandum to our Board informing them of various recent developments, including these two new grants. Meanwhile, you might want to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Creel of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund in your capacity of SRC President. I will, of course, also write him an acknowledgement enclosing our official receipt.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Copy of ltr. from Dana Creel, dtd. 6/20/58)

June 27, 1958

Miss Marguerite Hawkins
Assistant Treasurer
Woman's Division of Christian Service
Board of Missions - The Methodist Church
Home Department
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Miss Hawkins:

This is to acknowledge, with our warmest thanks, the generous contribution of the WDCS through its Department of Work in Home Fields for the fiscal year 1958-59.

There is no group whose support, both program and financial, we value more than that of the Woman's Division. Please convey to your associates our lasting appreciation for this steady friendship and assistance over the years.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

June 27, 1958

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr. Publisher
Norfolk Journal and Guide
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for your letter of June 18th concerning Mr. Holloway's article on the Durham conference and its important implications for race relations today. We are having several thousand copies of the article reproduced by the photo off-set process and should have them in hand in the very near future. As soon as they are available, I should be glad to send you as many copies as you would find useful.

Again, with our appreciation and warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 27, 1958

Mr. Dana Creel
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Mr. Creel:

The officers and staff of the Southern Regional Council are deeply grateful for the generous contribution of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund and for the confidence in the Council which it signifies. This contribution affords us a very special opportunity to contribute to the solution of the serious problems arising from school desegregation and other changes in Southern race relations. We are determined to apply to this project all of the skill and effectiveness which the Council can command.

I will see that you receive periodic reports on the progress of the program efforts made possible by the grant, as well as appropriate financial statements.

With appreciation and kindest regards to you, your staff associates and the Trustees, I am

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

June 27, 1958

Mr. Alan Pifer
Carnegie Corporation of New York
522 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Pifer:

I greatly enjoyed our conversation last week and I am taking this occasion to supplement our request with the enclosed estimated annual budget for the Council's Foreign Visitor Program. If this summary budget is not clear enough, or if you would like a more detailed breakdown of projected expenses, please let me know.

As I pointed out in my conversation last week, the Southern Regional Council is fortunate to have a staff member who is well equipped by training and experience to assume responsibility for coordinating extended services to foreign visitors. He is Paul Anthony, who bears the title of Administrative Assistant and has served on the Council's staff for the past two years. Mr. Anthony's background includes formal training in the field of human relations at the University of Miami and The New School of Social Research, and professional experience in teaching and organizational work. During his tenure with the Council, he has borne primary responsibility for scheduling and otherwise assisting foreign visitors who are referred to us. His effectiveness in this assignment has been enhanced by his close familiarity with race relations in the South and with the specific program activities which the Council carries on. The amount of the grant which will be applied on his salary would enable us to re-distribute staff duties in such a way as to free at least half of his time for the Foreign Visitor Program.

I am grateful to you and Mr. Stackpole for making possible consideration of our request by the Carnegie Corporation.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Foreign Visitor Program -- Proposed Budget

SRC Staff	
Half time of professional staff member	$ 3,500.00
Clerical assistance and supplies	2,200.00
Hospitality	
Office-sponsored activities (transportation, meals, etc.)	850.00
Reimbursement of expenses (volunteers, host families, other agencies and groups in region)	1,250.00
Information	
Materials, follow-up mailings, and servicing of special information requests	1,000.00
Communication	700.00
Other costs	500.00
Total:	$10,000.00

VIA AIR MAIL June 30, 1958

Mr. Herman H. Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Thanks for your letter confirming my part on the program of the Institute next Wednesday, July 9. I am not sure at this moment whether I will arrive Monday evening or Tuesday morning, but it looks as though it will be the former.

I hope the Institute is off to a good start and I will look forward to seeing you next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

June 30, 1958

Mr. John H. Marion
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Thanks for your letter and the enclosed letter from Mr. Eddy of the New England Trust Company. We will be very happy to receive any contribution that the unknown Massachusetts well-wisher might be willing to make. If Mr. Eddy's reply to your letter indicates that a statement to that affect would be helpful, I shall be glad to oblige.

Am I correct in assuming that this will be the last day of your service with the Virginia Council? All of us here wish you every success in your important new position. And as you take up your new cudgels I hope you will keep in mind our readiness to work cooperatively with you and your associates in the new program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. I gather there is a very good chance of your remaining in Virginia through the fall. At your convenience, will you let me know what is finally decided about your whereabouts and the focus of your efforts?

June 30, 1958

Miss Nancy Upp
Assistant Dean of Students
The University of Chicago
School of Social Service Admn.
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss Upp:

We have your letter dated June 27th to Mr. Routh who is presently out of the city. We expect him to return to the office on July 14th, at which time your letter will be brought to his attention. I am sure you will hear from Mr. Routh shortly after the 14th.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL June 30, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor
New York, New York

Dear Bill:

Following your phone call to Harold this morning, we have contacted Emory in Nashville. He has the information on Birmingham, Greensboro and Atlanta with him. This he is sending to you today via air mail special.

Enclosed are two letters received in the morning mail pertaining to the situation in Charleston. Emory has not seen them, but we thought, in light of conditions, you would like to have copies.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

June 30, 1958

Mr. Eugene Feldman
6025 South Harper Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Feldman:

We are in receipt of your letter dated June 28th and directed to Mr. Via. Presently, Mr. Via is away from the office and will not return until July 7th. At that time, I shall be glad to call your letter to his attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary

MF

June 30, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Could you rush us about fifteen copies of the Marion Wright speech before the Florida Council? Would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

June 30, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

It was my goof that kept the inclosed materials from you. Sorfy.

The information on Greensboro, Birmingham, and Atlanta is all that I have done. These are the ~~organizations~~ originals. I would like them back when I could make copies and send them on to you.

I think you understand that none of the names appearing on these letters should be used publicly. Harold will send some information that came in regarding the Charleston Navy yard. It is my understanding that Herb Hill has some further information about Charleston which he will probably release in the near future.

In Birmingham there about twenty-eight governental agencies. The enclosed letter deals in one way or another with about eleven of them. My guess is that those agencies most likely to have Negro employees have been covered.

In Greensboro the memorandum is supposed to be exhaustive of all Negro employees, of the type in which we are interested, of the federal agencies of that city. Attached to the memorandum is a hand-written list of governmental agencies in Greensboro.

In Atlanta we have thus far uncovered only the following changes of the 1956 report of which you have a copy: under the department of the Army at Fort Mac Pherson there seems to be one Negro woman clerical employee. The circumstances of her employment seem somewhat specialized, and she may have been there since 1956; the Post Office has now at least two Negro supervisors and the possibility for more are there, without discrimination I believe, at least up to a certain number not yet reached. The Atlanta survey is not complete. We do know for sure that the situation in housing agencies has not changed.

I am hoping that even this week will provide some opportunity for uncovering new facts. I am sorry that it has been so slow and meager.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ts

VIA AIR MAIL June 30, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

After our conversation this morning, I talked with Dent. He will be glad to take part in the discussion on July 18 and is reserving that date pending a formal letter of invitation from you. He also agreed to be prepared to lead that part of the discussion dealing with education.

I reached Dent just as he was about to write you some suggestions of people to take part in the head knocking. He had only two new names to propose - (1) L. D. Milton, President, Citizens Trust Company, Atlanta, member of SRC Board, and chairman of the Howard University Board of Trustees (Negro); proposed only as an alternate for John Wheeler, if by any chance he is unable to make it. (2) Luther H. Foster, President, Tuskegee Institute; he has been travelling in Indonesia or somewhere and may not be back in time, but Dent thinks very highly of him.

Dent shared some of our trepidations about how much could be accomplished in one day by a group of this size. He was all for the notion that a small group might hold over the following day for a clean-up session. While I didn't say so, I suspect he could be induced to remain for the second day's session.

More later on the agenda.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. If it is thought well to have NAACP representation, what about Ruby Hurley. As Southeast Regional Secretary she is very close to concrete developments down here.

H.C.F.

July 1, 1958

Miss Maxine Semmel
Assistant to the Executive
Vice-President
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Semmel:

In response to your letter of June 26, we are sending you separately twenty-five (25) copies of the special report by Dr. Kenneth B. Clark.

Enclosed is a copy of the recent issue of New South, which contains an article adapted from the special report. If, after looking at it, you feel that this would serve your purposes better than the mimeographed document, let me know and I will send your requisite nmmber of copies. In that event, it would not be necessary to return the special report.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (New South, June/1958)

July 1, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

I was glad to get the minutes of the Mass Media Committee meeting setting forth the various assignments that you and I have undertaken. I will be writing further about them. For the moment, however, I am eager to go ahead with reprints of Ashmore's article. I observed that you put a notice in the minutes, but I am wondering whether you have yet determined whether AJC will want any. Will you drop me a note as soon as you conveniently can?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Mr. Wilton Dillon
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Wilton:

Although this letter has the undeniably mercenary purpose of forwarding my expense statement, it does formally express congratulations and thanks for a very pleasant and valuable weekend at Capahosic. That was a first-rate collection of people, and the whole discussion was very much on the main track. I learned a great deal, as I am sure everybody else did. While we didn't squeeze out many specific program suggestions, maybe that is not as important for a conference of this kind as I originally thought. There is some evidence that at least some of the people there were inspired to work up concrete proposals for foundation aid; if so, that is probably a more efficient way of generating worthy efforts.

I am sorry that my disorderly comings and goings must have seemed irresponsible. One of the handicaps of coming with a foundation executive was my complete inability to impose any discipline on him. This fact, added to my own youthful high spirits, made my delinquency inevitable.

I am writing Dr. Patterson a separate note which he can add to any stack of commendations that he may wish to exhibit to your board.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Expense account sheet)

EXPENSE ACCOUNT

for

Harold C. Fleming

(Capahosic Conference - Virginia)
June 21-22, 1958

Hotel (2 nights)	$ 11.00
Meals	5.00
Tips	.50
Hertz You-Drive-It .... (Fleming, Eagle, Hammer, and Hope)	37.84
Air travel .... (New York to Richmond to Atlanta)	75.35
Total:	$ 129.69

Signed: ______________________
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

July 1, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your several recent letters.

First and foremost, I have read the enclosed draft of your proposed remarks, and have no criticisms to make. To put it more positively, you have said very clearly and forcefully everything that occurs to me on the subject. Fred is away, but others on the staff have read it with the same reaction.

I am also returning Senator Douglas's letter, which I have copied and carefully noted. I think there is some merit to the point which Senator Douglas relays - namely, that emphasis should be on Americans considering the damage that our racial policies do to our international reputation, rather than foreigners doing so. Of the two foundations he mentions, Dr. Dent is in a strategic position of advising us on the Stern Fund; my own opinion is that there would be little chance of substantial aid from this quarter for such a purpose, but I would defer to his judgment.

The Meyer Fund might be much more hopeful. I will see what I can find out.

I am pleased to see that the Senator is making use of your speeches. You will be pleased to know, I am sure, that Dr. Dent received a call from an influential friend of his in New Orleans asking for information about you. It seems that Justice Frankfurter had read your Florida speech and was moved by its excellence to write his New Orleans friend for background. Needless to say, Dr. Dent supplied it and asked me to send him some additional copies of the speech for distribution to influential people in those parts. I have written Bill Williams for such copies.

I appreciate the information, originating with your brother, on the Rosenberg Foundation. I will follow-up this lead and call on your brother for his advice if a request from us seems warranted.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

P. S. The Fourteenth Amendment was proposed to the several state legislatures on June 16, 1866. It was declared to have been ratified in a proclamation by the Secretary of State on July 28, 1868.

H.C.F.

July 1, 1958

Mr. Jeffrey E. Fuller
Assistant Director
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Fuller:

Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness in putting me on the basic mailing list of ACLU. I see your materials from time to time, but it's good to know that I will now be certain to see them all.

Quid pro quo, I am adding your name to our complimentary mailing list for New South and other occasional materials.

You were a bit ahead of me at Harvard (I didn't get there until 1940), but this doesn't affect my hope that we will meet one day soon.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Mr. Benjamin D. Segal
Director
Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties
and Rights
1244 Nineteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

This is to acknowledge with many thanks the check for $11,520.92 to cover Emory's salary as Labor Consultant through 1959. The assurance of this program for the next year and a half is a very great service for the Council and the South.

I understand that the funds are to be used only for this specified purpose, and you will receive periodic reports, both financial and program.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

July 1, 1958

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
c/o C. R. Bell
1341 Leighton Avenue
Anniston, Alabama

Dear Tartt:

I gathered from Barbara Moffett's memorandum that we were in for some possible difficulty on the question of sponsorship. I very much hope that this can be resolved in favor of the original plan.

It would be fine if you could pay us a visit on your way back to High Point. I will be out of the office, at the Fisk Institute on Race Relations, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 8th and 9th. Otherwise, I will be here until July 17th and would welcome a chance to talk with you.

The various suggested revisions are nearing completion, and we should be able to produce a revised manuscript on very short notice.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
Department, UAW
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

Thanks for your letter and for the assurance that we can look forward confidently to UAW's representation at further Southern Interagency meetings. I can well understand that circumstances made that difficult last time.

The revision of the fact-finding report is still in process, and unfortunately the limited run of the first draft is completely exhausted. However, we should have copies of the revised draft before too much longer and I shall see that you receive several at that time.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Miss Harriet M. Cady
GRC, Box 42
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Miss Cady:

Thank you for your letter concerning the possibility of a further edition of Integration North and South.

Although we have had occasion to regret very keenly the fact that this booklet is out of print, there is no plan at the moment to reprint it. There is some likelihood of a project to bring the findings up-to-date and issue a revised edition. But this prospect, if it develops, will not be realized for a good many months to come.

I appreciate your interest and only wish it were possible for us to meet your request.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Crate:

Thanks so much for your two recent letters concerning Ed Kloppe's work and the difficulties which have surrounded the Dallas operation. I found the first part of the program report on Dallas most interesting and will look forward to receiving the remainder of it.

Fred Routh is away from the office on vacation. I will be with him next week at the Fisk Institute on Race Relations and will share your letters with him then. When we have had a chance to discuss the situation, you will be hearing from us further. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Miss Dorothy D. Wood
Secretary to Mr. Will D. Campbell
National Council of the Churches of
Christ in the U.S.A.
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Miss Wood:

Thank you for sending a list of persons suggested to receive "South Carolinians Speak." This is very helpful to us.

I am most anxious to talk to Will, but I have forgotten when he is to be back in the office. If he is to return in time, would you please call to his attention the fact that I am to be in Nashville at the Fisk Institute next week, July 8th and 9th. I should like very much to see him if he is going to be in town then. If he is not to return until later, would you ask him to call me here, collect, at his earliest opportunity?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 1, 1958

Dr. Herman Long
Department of Race Relations
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Long:

I am not certain of what final information you have received from Fred Routh concerning attendance of state staffers during the second week of the Institute. However, since Fred's departure, two additional persons have indicated that they plan to attend. They are:

Walter C. Cowart
(Newly appointed Director)
Georgia Council on Human Relations

and

Mrs. Luesta Knox
Administrative Secretary
Georgia Council on Human Relations

Earlier, as no doubt you know, the directors of the North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Alabama, and Arkansas Councils indicated that they would attend.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 1, 1958

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

This is to express my appreciation for the opportunity to take part in the conference at Holly Knoll sponsored by the Phelps-Stokes Fund.

I was most impressed, as I am sure all of the participants were, by the quality of the group you assembled and the value of the discussions. Perhaps equally as important was the opportunity for fellowship and informal discussion of common interests.

No other agency that I know of has the available staff, resources, or facilities to make this fruitful meeting of minds possible. The Phelps-Stokes Fund, by performing this function so ably, is rendering a real service to all of the organizations which share a concern for broader democracy in the nation and in the South.

Please convey my thanks and good wishes to your staff associates and to the other Trustees of the Fund.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

MEMORANDUM July 2, 1958

To: Rev. Martin L. King, Jr.
Southern Leadership Conference

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Enclosed are some materials which may be of value to you. We are not including any information on tax exemption, since we assume this is not within the scope of your current meeting.

Earlier, we sent Attorney Robert F. Collins, of New Orleans, some rather detailed information on tax exemption. If you have need of this, we will be glad to pull it together for you.

July 2, 1958

Mr. Victor Bussie, President
Louisiana State Labor Council
421 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Vic:

Ann Williams very kindly sent me a copy of your letter to George Shannon. Thanks. I am sorry that the "Cameron Story" was not available: I would like very much to have a copy to preview when it is ready.

There is yet another job which someone from the Labor Council could help us with. Would it be possible to have pulled together some of the news clips, speeches, voting record, and other materials which show what kind of man Senator Rainach is? I know that this is a busy time for you, but this information could prove to be most helpful.

We are currently having a very good Labor Seminar at Fisk University. The attendance is off a bit, but the quality of participation is high, and nearly all of the guys are from the South.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 2, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Just a reminder of a side project. At what price can you obtain a kodascope padgent number AU154S which is produced by Kodak Company?

Such info as you could turn up would be helpful to SRC in deciding what projector to get for our purposes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 2, 1958

Mr. Earl Crowder
United Steelworkers of America
136½ South Second Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Earl:

The advance fee which you sent to the Southern Regional Council was $10.00 more than required. Enclosed is my personal check for $10.00 and a receipt from Fisk University for $40.00.

The Institute and Labor Seminar continues to roll along - if anything, they are increasing in interest. It was good to get to meet you and I am appreciative of the contribution which you made in the sessions and in private conversations.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 2, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Director
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Chief:

Two items. I just can't wait! Now let's see, what were they?

(I) It seems to me that the reactions to the recent happenings in Little Rock make this an appropriate time for an SRC news release round-up of positive accomplishments. Perhaps even direct comparisons between situations such as Louisville and Little Rock might be made - i.g., the roll of leadership and committment of leadership to law and order. In any case some piece that is directed at the feeling that desegregation doesn't work, or the courts,are wavering, or the courts didn't know what they were getting into, would be useful.

(2) I am told by Ted Brown of the National AFL-CIO Civil Rights Department and others that a number of cases involving voting rights have been filed with the Commission on Civil Rights. The ones that Ted knows of were handled by Clarence Mitchell. Ted had some hand in them. He insisted that they were specific cases and were properly drawn. Incidently, a great number of people have been talking with the Commission staff.

You perhaps have seen that the SERS is losing Don,and a guy by the name of Ball will replace him. Ball's son is covering the Fisk Institute for the Tennesseean. He seems like a real good egg and friendly as well.

Eugene Wyatt, Associate Director of the Race Relations Law Reporter, performed for the Labor Seminar Tuesday afternoon. He is also news editor for the Tennesseean. He has been tapped to be a consultant with the Commission, along with Paul Sanders.

S and F yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 2, 1958

Mr. Wright G. Baker
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists of
 the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

My sincere apologies for not having responded earlier to your letter concerning SRC work with your visitors in Atlanta.

I am not enclosing the information sheets which you sent, though we will do so if you feel it necessary. Actually, these forms do not lend themselves well to SRC's normal method of work with foreign visitors. As you will see from the enclosed material on SRC, we are primarily concerned with race relations in the South and our most effective service for visitors comes to bear with persons who have an immediate interest in that subject.

With visitors who are interested in race relations in this country, and of course, the present turbulent period of transition in the South, SRC attempts to give an objective analysis of the situation, the favorable and unfavorable. We hope, of course, that exposure to an organization of Southerners of both races working together will leave a generally favorable impression with the visitors and that a factual analysis of the situation will tend to properly clarify many of the negative impressions which visitors understandably have received from their own press. It is with this purpose in mind that most agencies and organizations, official and unofficial, send visitors to SRC.

When you deem it necessary, we will be happy to help with visitors such as Mr. De Leon, whose interests generally do not coincide with those of the Council. Also, when necessary, we will be happy to make hotel reservations, and otherwise assist visitors in matters of that nature. In short, we are willing and within the limits of the staff time available, we will be happy to be of any possible service. However, our most significant contribution to your program and our most satisfactory handling of visitors will probably occur when our organization, its aims and methods, and the people with whom we work are of particular interest to the individual visitor.

Incidentally, we found Mr. De Leon to be a delightful person and it was a pleasure to attempt to be of help to him.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

Mailed separately: Congressional Record Reprint
"SRC - origins and aims..."
Mimeo'd. board list (2/17/58)
SRC Annual Report, 1957

~~Returned: 2 brochures from Amer. Council on Edu.~~

Via Air Mail

July 2, 1958

Miss Jean B. Wright
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Wright:

We have now worked out our plans for distribution of reprints of Harry Ashmore's article in the June issue of Harper's. This is to place our order for 10,000 reprints, as described in your letter of June 17 at a quoted price of $276.00.

At your convenience, would you let me know whether it is your practice to place on reprints the name and address of the sponsoring agency and about when we might expect delivery. Since we are including in our order that of another agency, I should need to send you further information about imprint, if one can be used.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Miss Sonya F. Kaufer
Publications Division
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Kaufer:

Thank you for your letter of June 27 transmitting your purchase order for 1,000 reprints of Harry Ashmore's article in the June issue of *Harper's*. These reprints are on order and will be delivered to you as soon as they are ready.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via Air Mail

July 2, 1958

Mr. Jack Greenberg
Suite 1790
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Jack:

It's about time I acknowledged receipt of your manuscript. I have read about half of it and am impressed by the comprehensiveness of your research and the sound interpretation that you have brought to the facts. I hope to finish it fairly soon.

At this point, it seems unlikely to me that my suggestions will be sufficiently basic or numerous to warrant your making the trip to Atlanta solely for the purpose of the conference. I must be in New York for a meeting on July 18, and there is a fair chance that I could arrive on the 17 in time for us to discuss the manuscript, if that timing will be convenient for you. The only trouble is that I probably won't know for sure about my arrival until a day or two before. If you will send me the phone number where you can be reached the week beginning July 14, I will call you before leaving Atlanta. If we don't meet in New York, I believe I could give you my comments satisfactorily in writing.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for your good letter. It's not that I am adverse to sharing good news; it's just that I have become cynical enough not to claim the catching of a bird until it's firmly and officially in hand.

I am looking forward to our August Executive Committee meeting at which time we will have an opportunity to discuss this sobering grant and the most effective ways to put it to work.

I am glad you had a chance to be with Emory Via at Blue Ridge. He is a real asset to our staff.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via air Mail

July 2, 1958

Mr. Max Ascoli
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Max:

Thanks so much for your letter and for the tear sheet of your Note in the current issue of the Reporter. I had just read it in my home copy of the Magazine and was delighted to see the issue put in just the right terms. I also read with interest your observations on France. After reading that and Taylor's article, your unorthodox view of De Gaulle doesn't seem so unorthodox after all.

I am sorry I didn't get a chance to call you back during my brief visit to New York. I am to be there again - and again briefly - on July 17. If you have any free time on that date, perhaps we will have a chance to talk. I apologize for such hit and run tactics, but I am sure that on one of these occasions they will pay off.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Dr. George E. Clary
Director
Georgia Commission on Christian Education
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clary:

I want to say a word of congratulations and good wishes to you as you move into your important new post. I am sure that your new duties will be a mutually rewarding experience for you and for the Commission.

Needless to say, we will welcome any opportunity to be of service and will look forward to continued friendship and cooperation with you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Mr. Sylvan Meyer
Editor
The Daily Times
Gainesville, Georgia

Dear Sylvan:

I thought I should let you know that both Phil Hammer and I will be with Vernon Eagle in New York on July 18. We will be part of a group discussing with him and others the situation in the South. This will give us a good opportunity to get in some licks for your request. I gather you haven't yet submitted a written application. If you have, or if you get one ready between now and July 15, do send me a copy.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via Air Mail

July 2, 1958

Miss Violaine Junod
c/o Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Miss Junod:

We have reserved a room for you, beginning July 15, at the Hampton Hotel, 35 Houston Street, N. E. This is a very simple and unpretentious, though clean and respectable, hotel in downtown Atlanta. The rate will be $4.00 a day. We shall also be glad to hold any parcels for you which you may wish to send ahead to this address.

I am likely to be leaving town for a few days about the time of your arrival. But I will be back in Atlanta the following week, and in the meantime there will be others here who can consult with you.

I enjoyed our conversation in New York and am looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Mrs. Joe Nettles
Secretary to the Dean
Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mrs. Nettles:

Thank you for taking care of my requests so promptly and efficiently. The copies of the Journal have arrived, and the invoice will be processed shortly. I am most grateful to Dr. Cuninggim for permission to reprint his article. We shall see that the two errors are corrected and that he receives several copies of our publication in which his article is reprinted.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Via Air Mail

July 2, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Director - Public Affairs Programs
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Thanks for your good letter bringing me up-to-date on recent developments in the Kentucky Council. The leadership is obviously in good hands, and I am delighted that you are continuing as chairman during Dr. Atwood's absence.

I hope I can look forward to receiving, shortly, a report on the finances of the Kentucky Council for the past quarter. This will complete our records for the last period of aid and open the way to the next one.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Mr. Robert H. Ryan
Director
Area Development
Committee for Economic Development
711 Fifth Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Enclosed, uncompleted, is your survey form on area development activities. As an organization principally concerned with race relations, this Council is interested in the economic development of the South and resulting opportunities for both white and Negro Southerners. We do not, however, carry on the kind of activities with which your survey is concerned.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Mailed separately: NEW SOUTH - May, June/1958
The Negro Voter in the South
Congeessional Record Reprint
"SRC - Origins and Aims..."
SRC Annual Report, 1957

Also placed on complimentary mailing list for NEW SOUTH

July 2, 1958

Mr. Gregory E. Shinert
Executive Director
Missouri Commission on Human Rights
15 North Grand Boulevard
St. Louis 3, Missouri

Dear Mr. Shinert:

Thank you for your letter of June 23 addressed to Dr. George Mitchell, who has recently retired and is presently living in Scotland.

We are delighted to know of the recent appointment of the Missouri Commission on Human Rights and to have this opportunity to establish communication with you. We are adding your name to our complimentary mailing list to receive our monthly publication, New South and other occasional materials. I am also sending you separately a few of our existing publications which you may find of interest.

I have had several opportunities to work with friends in St. Louis who are likely to be working cooperatively with you - Martin Quigley, Virgil Borders, Myron Schwartz, Bill Wyant, Colonel Priest, Jim McCrory, Horace Bohannon, and others. If you are in touch with any of them, please give them my warm regards.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 2, 1958

Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
The Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

Since our telephone conversation of this morning, I have talked with Paul Rilling. He will be at the meeting next Monday at Virginia Union and will expect to talk with you and such other officers of the Virginia Council as are appropriate after the meeting. He understands that the Virginia Council will reimburse him for his travel expenses.

All good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 2, 1958

Mr. John Hope, II
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Fred recently acquired from the NCCJ two booklets which he wants the state staffers to have during their week at the Institute. He has requested that we mail them to the staffers, but time being as it is, we thought it best to send them directly to you. Therefore, Miss Claire Royce, a temporary staff member who is coming to Nashville this weekend, has volunteered to bring them up to you. The purpose of this note is to ask that you hold onto them until Fred arrives.

Fred mentioned a third pamphlet, one by Sidney Hook. This one I can find no trace of.

Regards.

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 2, 1958

Reverend Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

Although I know this will arrive in your absence, I am writing it so that it will be waiting for you when you return from vacation.

Normally, a brief quarterly report to a foundation would be more than sufficient. Part of the problem may be that, as I understand it, your last quarterly report wasn't sent up to the Fund at the time of preparation, though I think Nat later gave it to Meserve here. I suppose that the intense interest by the Fund in your activities stems from the fact that one of the Brothers lives there and is much concerned with the course of events in Arkansas.

I would suggest the obvious step of sending Meserve, promptly, each quarterly report that you prepare in connection with our aid program. In addition, when anything noteworthy happens - such as Nat's attending the police school with a delegation of officers and private citizens - that Nat drop a note to Meserve, enclosing any pertinent clipping or document. Also I think the Fund's staff would appreciate receiving any noteworthy background or reaction to major local events - for example, the ruling by Judge Lemley. I am sure that this will take care of the matter more than adequately.

I am looking forward to seeing Nat next week, at which time we will have a chance to discuss these matters in more detail.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 3, 1958

Mrs. A. W. Berger
1600 Edgewood Lane
Chattanooga 5, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Berger:

Mr. Fred Routh is out of the office until the 14th, and so your letter has been referred to me. I am mailing you, under separate cover, some copies of New South which contain statements by ministerial groups. I hope these will be of help to you.

If the group there does issue a statement, I would appreciate having a copy.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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July 3, 1958

Mr. Gordon Tiffany
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

In further response to your letter of June 19, enclosed are background materials on Negro voter registration in those states covered by our 1956 survey. In the folder for each state, we have inserted the registration figures collected in our survey, the most pertinent reports from our state fact-finders, and newspaper clippings and other materials that shed some light on developments in this field since 1956. Incidentally, virtually all of this material has been supplied to the Department of Justice, at its request.

It may be worth noting that most of the state consultants who did our fact-finding, contributed articles on this subject for their respective states to the 1957 summer yearbook issue of the Journal of Negro Education. This publication is undoubtedly in your library.

I will no doubt be sending you supplementary items to be added to this collection. Meanwhile, if there is specific information, not included, which we might be able to supply, please feel free to call on me.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

VIA AIR MAIL July 3, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Delighted to learn that we are going to be air conditioned. Of course, a Harvard man would never admit to preferring any place over the Club.

Enclosed is a copy of our directory of organizations with staffed human relations programs in the South. This list mainly includes the groups that have had some connection or other with the Southern Interagency Conferences. Thus, it does not include Highlander Folk School, the Southern Conference Educational Fund, and perhaps one or two other organizations of that kind. But for most purposes it is a comprehensive listing.

Phil Coombs is a very able and knowledgeable guy. I worked with him on the Ashmore project and developed a lot of respect for his judgment.

Between interruptions I have been working at a draft outline for the July 18 discussions. I hope to have it finished and in the mail to you shortly.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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July 3, 1958

Mrs. St. Julien Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, S. C.

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Thanks so much for your two recent letters on Negro employment at the Navy Yard and Custom House. We appreciate your taking on this fact-finding task for us.

Emory Via of our staff, who is handling the collection of this information, is presently out of the office this week. I am sure you will be hearing from him on his return, and it may be that he can follow-up some of the suggestions which you have made.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

July 3, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for the very interesting quarterly report. I trust we can look forward to early receipt of a report on finances of the Arkansas Council for the past quarter, so that the way will be open for another period of aid.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Fisk next week.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 7, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation, Inc.
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

This is in reference to your letter enclosing a copy of a proposal from the Southern Area Student Council of the Y.M.C.A.

What is proposed here is the continuation of a two-year project made possible by a Fund for the Republic grant. The special staff person in charge of the project has been Paul Rilling, who is leaving that job and may become the executive director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

Paul did a very good job, and the project under his direction was a useful service to campus groups and the growth of liberal racial attitudes in Southern colleges.

In short, judging only by past performance, I would consider the project worthy of support. But this assumes that the project will have equally competent direction in the future. That is especially important, because, as you probably know, the Y.M.C.A. is pretty weak in the whole field of race relations.

Thus, without the right person in charge, the project might be a timid effort that would accomplish little or nothing.

As to the proposal itself, I don't think it's very good. It's not specific enough about what has been done or the techniques or programs that would be used under a new grant. Also, the budget seems to me to suggest some question. The amount allowed for salary and travel is too small to allow for a decently paid project director doing as much travel as is necessary.

In short, my view is that the project would strengthen the Y.M.C.A.'s slight contribution in this field and is worthy of support, provided that the agency is pinned down closely on the quality of personnel and program that can be expected.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 7, 1958

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

This will acknowledge with appreciation your check for $2,500.00 representing the first instalment of the Foundation's 1958 grant to the Council. The signed receipt is enclosed.

You will be receiving reports on finances and program at the year's end, in addition to appropriate interim reports.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Signed receipt)

July 7, 1958

Mr. Murray Friedman
Director
North Carolina-Virginia Regional Office
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
216 N. 2nd Street
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Murray:

Thanks for sending me a copy of your Progressive article. You did an excellent job of spelling out, by specific illustration, how industrialization is remaking the South. This kind of interpretation is as important, I think, as anything we can do.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 7, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I am returning the second draft of your presentation herewith, as agreed in our telephone conversation a moment ago. It's an excellent job and I have little doubt that it will be [redacted] the ablest presentations they receive. I know you will keep us posted on the action that is taken.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Statement of MAW before House Judiciary
Committee in Support of The Civil Rights
Act of 1958)

July 7, 1958

Dr. H. Council Trenholm, President
Alabama State College
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

We have been in touch with Mr. Routh and I am happy to report that he will be able to be in Daytona Beach on Monday, July 14.

As plans now stand, we will arrange a plane schedule which will allow Mr. Routh to spend all of Monday, including Monday evening, at the Convention.

Mr. Routh has asked that I express to you his appreciation at being asked to join the members of the American Teachers Association at their annual convention.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls
Carbon copy to Dr. J. T. Brooks

VIA AIR MAIL July 7, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Baker
Washington Post Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Here is the whole works on the Morris-Timmerman correspondence. I am enclosing Morris's last letter to me and a copy of my letter just written to Morris. As you will see, I tried to put very strongly the wisdom of his considering any and all consequences that may result from the publication of the correspondence with Timmerman.

Since I am not sure you have a copy, I am also sending separately a copy of the booklet, "South Carolinians Speak," which is what prompted the whole exchange. It occurs to me that, if you have the space, you might want to quote enough from the foreword to suggest the mild approach and tone of the booklet. This makes Timmerman's rabid reaction all the more striking.

I trust that great fun will be had by all.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - (Morris-Timmerman correspondence)

July 7, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

I am sorry that problems of timing caused me to default on your request for names in Norfolk. Your letter arrived last Monday, and by the time I returned to the office and saw it you would have already left for Norfolk, if I understood your plans correctly.

I would have suggested that you see Mr. William S. Meachum, of the Norfolk Virginian Pilot, some of the leaders of the Women's Interracial Council, such as Mrs. Louis Jaffe and Mrs. Arnold Strauss, and also one of the members of the Young family which runs the Negro newspaper, The Journal and Guide. But all this is academic, since I suppose you have already been and returned.

Try us again next time and I will try to deliver more promptly.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Copy of this ltr. handed to JC & MM with note to send Miss Pinkerton a copy of final report on waiting room survey.

July 7, 1958

Miss Aileen B. Pinkerton
Consultant on Personnel and Information
National Travelers Aid Association
72 West 45th Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Miss Pinkerton:

Thank you for your letter of July 3. I am sorry we didn't have the foresight to write you about our survey at the outset.

Enclosed is a copy of the questionnaire we have circulated to knowledgeable sources in various Southern communities, including some of your member agencies. As you probably know, one of the Council's functions over the years has been documentation of changing racial patterns in the South. This survey is intended to update our information in the field of transportation. When the survey is completed, we expect to publish a report of the findings. I shall see that you and your appropriate member agencies receive copies.

The sources of our information will be treated confidentially. Anything you may do to encourage the local associations to cooperate in the survey will be warmly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

July 7, 1958

Mr. John B. Morris
P. O. Box 806
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

I appreciated your letter, written from Hendersonville, a couple of weeks ago. I have delayed answering until I could explore several possible uses of the correspondence between you and Judge Timmerman. I could not agree more with your strong feeling that Judge Lemley's decision gives this insight into a Federal judge's bias particular timeliness.

It seems to me that the best possible place for this correspondence to be publicized is in the Washington Post Times-Herald. This newspaper, as you probably know, is read by everybody of importance in Washington - where the impact of the correspondence would be most useful. With this in mind, I have consulted the appropriate people on the staff of the Washington Post. They are very much interested and would be glad to do a lengthy feature article if they are sure that you are willing for them to do so. I too would want to be very sure that publication of these letters would not expose you to any adverse consequences that you have not fully considered. It is reasonable to suppose that the publication of the letters will create quite a stir, and it is always possible that some of the animosity may be directed toward you. I do think you are in a perfectly defensible position, in that the Judge wrote you on his official stationery without any request that the correspondence be kept quiet or confidential and in such a vein as to suggest that he would gladly say these things to the whole wide world. Under normal circumstances, such correspondence may be made public with complete propriety. The only thing that would give me pause is that possibly you might be exposed to some kind of petty harrassment or reprisal.

If this possibility does not seem to you to be a likely or serious one, and you still feel as you did when you wrote me last, please write a letter to that affect to Mr. Robert E. Baker, Washington Post Times-Herald, 1515 "L" Street, N. W., Washington 5, D. C. I have already sent in confidence to Baker photostatic reproductions of your letters and Judge Timmerman's. It is understood that no use whatever will be made of these until a letter of release from you is received by Baker.

Since you may be needing the originals soon, I am returning them herewith. If I may, however, I would like to hold on to the remainder of the letters you sent to me earlier.

I shall look forward to hearing from you and hope you will send me a copy of any letter you may write to Robert Baker.

With appreciation and all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures (Ltrs. between Morris and Timmerman)

July 7, 1958

Bureau of Public Administration
University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Gentlemen:

Thank you for the copy of REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN ALABAMA, by Donald S. Strong. I would like to order another copy; Please send to me, and bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

c. on orig —

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 7, 1958

Mr. Gordon Tiffany
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

As supplement number one to the voting material which I sent you, here is a copy of a useful report on voter registration in Alabama, prepared a couple of years ago by Donald S. Strong for the University Bureau of Public Administration. It contains some very useful information on Negro voter registration.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Registration of Voters in Alabama, D.S. Strong)

July 7, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We have a request from Dr. Dent that we hold the next Executive Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 12, if at all possible.

This is somewhat earlier than we had planned, but the date is a desirable one. Therefore, if this procedure is acceptable to you and if you can be in Atlanta on August 12, we will get a notice to the other members of the committee.

In light of the time factor, would you please let us know your thinking on this as soon as possible.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Sent separately: 10 copies of MAW's Florida Speech - "The Southern Dilemma"

July 7, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

After talking with you last week, I discovered that we didn't have copies of Marion Wright's Florida speech. We have now secured some, and I am sending you separately several copies. Marion Wright was, of course, pleased to hear the attention that the speech has received.

We are hoping to get agreement from the Executive Committee members for a meeting on Tuesday, August 12. I think the prospects are good and will let you know as soon as we have heard from enough of the members. Meanwhile, please continue to hold that date.

I passed on your suggestions to Vernon Eagle. I take it that you have heard from him by now. It will be good to be with you in New York on the 18th.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 8, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Harold, who is away from the office, has asked me to inform you that after reading the text of the Supreme Court decision in the Alabama-NAACP contempt case, Section III of that decision has been reproduced and sent to the state groups.

It's my understanding that you will be with us on August 12th for the Executive Committee meeting, if that date proves satisfactory with a majority of the members. We will confirm the date as soon as possible, and look forward to seeing you then unless we hear otherwise.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 8, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Enclosed are your clippings from the State, returned as promised.

This information is of considerable value to us and we are grateful for your effort in securing it for us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - Clippings from The State - dtd: 5/20/58 and 5/24/58.

July 8, 1958

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
National Conference of Christians and Jews
P. O. Box 8507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Doc:

This is a belated acknowledgement of your letter of June 20th to Fred with the copy of your speech to the Police-Community Relations Institute. Fred has not seen the letter since he has been absent from the office for some three weeks, first on vacation and thereafter an extended field trip. However, your information concerning the NCCJ people of Richmond and Arlington was given to him.

Several of us have read your speech, "Special Problems of Police-Community Relations," and found it to be excellent. It reminded me of the work you had begun with the police in northern Virginia. If time permits, we would very much like to have your evaluation of the role the police are likely to play in those Virginia areas with which you are familiar.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 8, 1958

Mr. Earl W. Davis
COPE, AFL-CIO
419 West Clay Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Earl:

This is just a note to express my appreciation for the outstanding job you did in leading the Labor Seminar on Wednesday afternoon. You filled the bill just right, and all of us were glad that you were able to be with us.

Enclosed is the official receipt of the Race Relations Department for the $6.50 which you paid me for fees and meals.

I look forward to working with you in the future. Best personal wishes, and again my thanks for a good job.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

P. S.

You will soon be receiving a summary of the entire Labor Seminar.

Enclosure: receipt
EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. H. D. Lisk
Textile Workers Union of America
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Red:

It was indeed good to have had you with us at the Labor Seminar, and I am sorry that the press of your duties required you to leave the sessions early. I wish that we had had the opportunity to discuss some of the problems and research needs which you had raised with me earlier. I hope that you will still find time to write regarding these matters, and I will make every effort to either supply you with the information, or see if I can put you on the right trail. In the meantime, here are the two addresses which you had requested:

Mr. Frayser T. Lane
Information and Referral Specialist
Chicago Urban League
2410 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 16, Illinois

Mr. Robert C. Weaver, Commissioner
Temporary State Housing Rent Commission
280 Broadway
New York, New York

I look forward to seeing you soon again. Of course I will be in Charlotte on August 21, if not before.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

This is a note to let you know of my appreciation, and that of the entire Labor Seminar, for your real contribution to our program on Friday afternoon. I am sorry that our group had dwindled due to the pressure of duties and the arrival of the July 4 weekend. However, it was a fruitful session, and there was an excellent response from both the union staffers and from those working professionally in human relations. We are indebted to you for taking time out on a holiday to be with us.

I would like also to thank you for your able participation in the labor panel session on Thursday morning. The reaction was good throughout the general Fisk Institute membership.

I look forward to working with you in September in the Southern Labor School; the Fisk sessions have been suggestive as to approaches which can be used in Daytona as well as in my general program operation. I am hoping that at Daytona, if not sooner, you and I will have a chance to discuss some program needs and ideas.

Again, my appreciation for your support and help. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. Paul Christopher, Director
Region #3, AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

This is a note of appreciation for your part in our recent Labor Seminar sessions. You did a good and useful job in both the general Fisk Institute panel and in the afternoon labor workshop. All of us who worked on the program and and those who attended the sessions are most appreciative of the time and interest which you give to the pressing problems of racial relations, and especially as to how they involve the labor movement.

I agree with you that we had some very good sessions; they make a contribution to SRC's labor program for the coming year. Your steady support and willing aid mean a great deal to all of us here at the Council. Again, my thanks.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. Eugene Wyatt, Associate Director
Race Relations Law Reporter
Vanderbilt University
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Wyatt:

Thanks so much for being with us at our recent Labor Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. You did just what was needed in providing the legal background, the current issues at stake, and in stimulating the thought of the participants in the Labor Seminar. There was a good deal of comment as to how fruitful your session was.

Again, my appreciation for the time and energy you put into our program. Best wishes to you in your work with the Commission on Civil Rights. Please give our regards to Paul Sanders; he may wish to know that several of the labor guys asked after him.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Dr. Herman Long, Director
Race Relations Department
American Missionary Association
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

Thanks so much for your aid and interest in making our second Labor Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute on Race Relations a successful endeavor. The attendance was slim this year, although we had a total of twenty labor persons in the seminar sessions, but the level of participation was high. We are grateful to Fisk and to the Race Relations Department for the facilities and program provided.

By fall I hope to talk with you and/or John regarding possible future programs. I trust that the second week of the Institute proceeded in fine style.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. John Hope
Director, Industrial Relations
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville 8, Tennessee

Dear John:

Just a note of thanks for your cooperation, aid, and advice in setting up and conducting the labor seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. We think it was a successful program, and we are grateful to Fisk for the facilities provided for it.

You will receive a summary of the labor seminar sessions in the near future.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman, Director
National Labor Service
386 4th Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

It was good to have had your participation in the Labor Seminar held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. Your contributions in the sessions and in the informal get-to-gathers were important to the success of the whole endeavor. Of course I want to join those responsible for the general Fisk Institute program in thanking you for the stimulating session with the film, "Burden of Truth". You did an able job and that evening made a significant impact on the whole Institute.

You will shortly be receiving a summary of the labor seminar sessions. I am happy you were able to be with us.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 8, 1958

Mr. Carl E. Auvil
1113 Nicholson Road
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Auvil:

I have been asked to answer your recent letter to Mr. Routh since he is out of town and we assume that you are anxious to begin your contact with the police and the Board of Supervisors.

Under separate cover, we are mailing you a number of pieces of literature which should be of some value. Two of these, "The Louisville Story," and "Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools," deal in part with the constructive and essential role performed by the police. The SRC publication, "Race and Law Enforcement" is designed specifically for use by the police. All of these materials you may keep with the exception of the book, Principles of Police Work with Minority Groups, which we would like to have returned when you no longer have need for it. Additional copies of all other materials are available if you have need for them.

If the local authorities are interested, SRC will be delighted to arrange to have a specialist come to Fairfax County to work with the police department. Such a person would be a law enforcement officer from a police department which has experienced the situations which

Fairfax County may face. This arrangement could be worked out without fuss or fanfare, handled in complete confidence, and SRC would be happy to remain well behind the scenes. We would be responsible for the cost of this program and if the initial effort proved successful, additional steps could be explored.

Incidentally, our experience has been that a good approach to working most effectively with the police has been to carefully select those persons who can contact the police to develop their mutual interest in law and order at the exclusion of other issues on which all parties may not agree.

We are anxious to be of help and at such time as you see fit, we will be happy to explore the ideas in this letter or any other requests you may have.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Mailed separately: The Louisville Story
Desegregation in the Baltimore City Schools
New South, March/1958
Race and Law Enforcement...
The South Speaks Out for Law and Order, (A Roundup of Southern Press Opinion) June/1958
Principles of Police Work with Minority Groups - Div. of Police, Louisville, Ky

VIA AIR MAIL July 8, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation, Inc.
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

The mouse has labored and brought forth a mountain.

I guess the enclosed, if it is useful for the conference, is useful as background rather than agenda. I'll leave it to you to decide whether a prior distribution of this would help. On the basis of this kind of overall analysis, we could pick out those particular questions which the group might most profitably discuss.

I was moved to do it this way by my strong feeling that consideration of specific program efforts in this field ought to rest on some overall picture of the situation. That's why I included some things that are clearly beyond the purview of our group.

Is everything set?

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM July 8, 1958

To: Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation

From: Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
Southern Regional Council

Re: DISCUSSION OUTLINE FOR JULY 18 MEETING.

Racial developments in the South since World War Two have resulted from powerful forces pressing against the old institutions and practices. The Supreme Court's school decisions were a kind of ultimate pressure, in the legal sense, and gave rise to a strong, organized counter-offensive by the segregationist leadership. But the pressures for change are still operating. How speedily and smoothly the changes come in any given state or community depends on the local reaction to the new pressures and counter-pressures.

The following outline is an attempt to identify the main forces making for desegregation and equal rights. The aim is to focus discussion on specific efforts to make the forces more effective and the reactions to them more constructive.

I. Organized Effort by Negroes

A. Litigation

B. Use of the Ballot

C. Economic Power

D. Emerging new leadership and new "self-image"

Some questions:

How can the quality and quantity of Negro leadership be improved and increased?

How can voting "apathy" be countered and growth of civic consciousness assisted?

How can white recognition of the "new Negro" be furthered?

How can meaningful communication between whites and Negroes be stimulated?

How can inclusion of representative Negroes on decision-making bodies, public and private, be increased?

How can freedom of association, personal safety, and security from economic reprisals be protected?

How can employment opportunities be advanced?

How can more decent housing be made available to Negroes?

How can the elimination of social and cultural deficiencies be speeded up?

II. The Courts

Some questions:

How can free access to the courts be protected?

How can attacks on the judiciary be countered, respect for the courts supported?

How can sound legal advice and assistance be made readily available to beleaguered dissenters, white and Negro?

III. Government

A. Legislation

B. Federal agencies with civil rights responsibilities (Committee on Government Contracts, Dept. of Justice, Commission on Civil Rights, Committee on Government Employment).

C. Regulatory agencies (ICC, CAB, FCC)

D. Federal aid (VA and Hill-Burton hospitals, atomic research grants to Southern colleges, aid to airports and impacted areas, public housing, FHA insurance, etc.)

E. Federal installations (military camps, U. S. Parks, etc.)

F. State and local police agencies

G. State and local education bodies

H. Population shifts and resulting pressures for legislative reapportionment and other reforms

I. Pressures of urbanization: changing demands on local and state governments

Some questions:

Can anything be done to promote a clear, consistent, across-the-board policy of nondiscrimination?

Can anything be done to cause the Executive Department to develop an effective plan of enforcement of court orders?

Can anything be done to persuade the President to exercise the prestige and leadership of his office in this area?

How can the federal agencies mentioned be brought to improve their performance?

Can more capital be made of successful desegregation at federal installations in the South?

How can police performance in prevention and control of violence be improved?

How can educators be assisted in planning and implementing desegregation, maintaining professional independence, and supporting maintenance of public schools?

How (consistent with tax-exemption) can the mounting need for reapportionment of legislatures be dramatized?

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Vernon A. Eagle
July 8, 1958

IV. Economic Pressures

A. Southern industrialization

1. Migrants to and from South

2. Demand for skills in new-type industries

3. Concern for law and order, continued public facilities, taxes, freedom from state interference

B. Negro consumer buying power (transit, department stores, manufacturers, services, advertising media)

C. Bond issues for schools and other public facilities

D. National conventions of bi-racial groups

E. High costs of segregated public facilities in areas of small Negro population

F. Organized labor

Some questions:

How can business and industrial leaders be brought to greater recognition of self-interest in adjustment to racial change? That conservative interests as well as Negroes are threatened by "radical" resistance?

Can more be done to counsel with management on racial patterns when planning location of a plant in the South, as well as after?

How can better use be made of good precedents in Southern plants and businesses?

What is needed to document more fully the economic implications of racial policies and practices?

How can labor organizations be strengthened in achieving non-discrimination internally, in educating rank-and-file members on racial questions, and in playing a constructive role in community leadership?

What can be done to equip more Negroes with needed skills?

V. Religion

A. Pronouncements

1. Denominational statements of doctrine

2. Statements by local clergy

B. Conferences

C. Internal policies and practices of churches and religious bodies

D. Literature

E. Seminaries

Some questions:

Can more and better use be made of official pronouncements?

What kinds of religious conferences could contribute to better racial policies?

What kinds of materials and publications are needed? How can distribution be improved and expanded?

Are pilot practices in desegregation receiving the support they merit?

How can denominational social action programs be strengthened?

How can more individual counselling of ministers on race relations be achieved?

Should seminaries be encouraged and assisted in doing more special work on race relations?

VI. Communication, Opinion, and Voluntary Organizations

A. Press, radio, television, magazines
(Local and national; news, editorial, and feature treatments)

B. Voluntary organizations (local, state and national)

1. Civic organizations
2. Professional associations
3. Human relations groups

C. Special publications
(Professional journals, pamphlets, books, studies and reports)

Some questions:

What can be done to make news coverage of racial developments more balanced and constructive?

How can an evaluation of press practices in this area be made with maximum effectiveness?

How can key Southern newsmen be given broader understanding and perspective of their region's problems?

How can more constructive facts and interpretation be supplied to national decision-makers through such influential media as the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington press, quality magazines, etc.?

Can television, network and local, become more of a forum for rational discussion of desegregation?

How can the best materials reaching print get more effective distribution?

Can national voluntary organizations be assisted in developing and applying non-discriminatory policies in the South as well as elsewhere?

What can be done, through any and all media, to create better public understanding in the North and South on the following:

1. Distinction between socio-economic and racial problems?

2. Successful examples of desegregation?
3. Critical importance of racial practices to the national interest? International implications?
4. Recognition of rising status of the Negro.
5. Respect for the courts?

How can the number and quality of Southern professionals in the race relations field be augmented?

How can interracial association, planning, and communication be further promoted in the South?

Sent to: Kentucky, Arkansas, Alabama, South Carolina,
North Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida

MEMORANDUM July 8, 1958

To: State Councils on Human Relations

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: SUPREME COURT DECISION IN THE ALABAMA-NAACP CONTEMPT CASE.

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The recent Supreme Court decision in the Alabama-NAACP contempt case has significance for all human relations organizations in the South. Of particular importance is Section III of the decision. We have reproduced this section of the text as it appeared in the New York Times of Tuesday, July 1, and are enclosing a copy.

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July 8, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder, Secretary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

It was good to have had you with us at the recent Labor Seminar at Fisk University. I want to thank you for the very real contribution which you made to this program throughout the sessions, and especially for the leadership which you gave to the session on July 2.

You will soon receive a summary report of the Labor Seminar. Enclosed is your official receipt from the Race Relations Department for the tuition and fees which you paid to the Institute.

I look forward to seeing you again soon. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosure: receipt

July 9, 1958

Mr. David Estes
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear David:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm our conversation of Monday evening and to transmit our check for $200 as a partial payment for your services.

It is my understanding that we have agreed to the following conditions: (1) a consultant's fee of $400, half of which is represented by the enclosed check, the other half to be paid at the completion of the project; (2) an expense budget of $300 from which you will arrange to pay for part-time help at various university libraries, travel, supplies, and the like; and, (3) a completion date of September 1, barring unforeseen difficulties or delays in obtaining material. All of these conditions are, of course, subject to any revisions we may see fit to make as the project progresses.

It appears to me that the results of your preliminary investigation and the plans you have made to cover the various university libraries are very encouraging and I have great hopes for the final results. I am especially happy that you have agreed to conduct this project for us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 check

July 9, 1958

The American Academy of Political and
Social Science
3937 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:

Please send me one (1) copy of the March 1958 Annals to the above address. Bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 9, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

I trust that you have not written us off as a lost cause in relation to the bibliography. If not, you'll be happy to know that our plans are completed and the project is well under way.

We have secured David Estes, Research Librarian at Emory, for the project. He will devote a good bit of time to the work and will have the help of persons at several of the more important universities. Points of concentration will be Emory, Atlanta, Duke and Fisk Universities, and the Universities of Georgia, Florida and North Carolina.

Considerable preliminary investigation has begun. As you might expect it appears that the most valuable information will appear in the form of theses. Atlanta University, for instance, has several masters' theses of recent date dealing with the Negro insurance market. This is more than we had hoped for. As a guide for those who work on the project, we have drawn up a rather detailed list of subjects which are related to some extent to the purpose; migration, income, housing, and the like.

I feel that we were fortunate in securing Estes for the project. He comes well recommended and his preliminary work has been thorough and impressive. And, his contacts should have considerable bearing on the time factor. It seems reasonable to expect that the project can be completed on or shortly after September 1.

As you will see from the enclosed copy of a letter to Estes, we have agreed on a budget of $700.

Trust all of this meets with your approval.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

July 9, 1958

Mr. William Oliver, Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
Department, UAW, AFL-CIO
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Bill:

I am very glad you were able to be with us at the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. I want to thank you particularly for your participation in the morning panel before the whole Institute. Your remarks were most pertinent, and the panel as a whole was well received by the Institute membership.

Enclosed are copies of two bits of news coverage given to the panel session. It's too bad that the Tennessean's reporter messed up his identification of you, but he has been properly corrected.

I am both mulling over and following up on some of your suggestions. I look forward to an early meeting with you, Henderson, Shane, and other appropriate parties. In the meantime, yell if there are matters in which I can be of help. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures: News clippings

July 9, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Director
Education Department, IUE, AFL-CIO
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

This is to express appreciation on behalf of the Labor Seminar, held in conjunction with the Fisk Institute of Race Relations, for your participation in the general Fisk program and in the Labor Seminar sessions. Your speech on Thursday morning and the panel which followed made a major contribution in interpreting the role of the labor movement in the southern scene. Your balanced appraisal, and candor, in setting out both the accomplishments and problems of unions in handling racial relations did much to bring clarity and insight to the labor participants and the general membership of the Fisk Institute. The discussion which followed was a good one, and I heard numerous favorable comments regarding your speech and the labor panel.

A summary of the labor sessions will be coming your way shortly.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 9, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Director
Trade Union Program on Civil
Liberties and Rights
4349 Yuma Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

This letter is to formally acknowledge the receipt of your check covering my salary for the remainder of this year and for the following year. Harold has already written you officially for the Southern Regional Council.

I am personally appreciative of the interest and support which you have given to the Labor Consultant's program for a number of reasons. First of course, is the plain fact that the whole program would not have come about except for your insight and ability to securing financing. Secondly, it has been a good job for me relative to my family situation. It has also provided me an opportunity to give expression to my own concerns in the fields of race relations and union problems. Although I think that we have worked effectively on some most important problems, it is perhaps enough, and within the bounds of modesty, to recognize that you have been the key in providing the only full-time effort in the South in the field of race relations as they effect the labor movement. After one and one-half years under the setup established here at the Council, I still think that it is a good one. SRC undoubtedly provides the best base in the South from which to work. Your willingness to set the program up in this way without the usually cumbersome problems of mechanics has been a great asset. Your own efforts, first as Trade Union Consultant for the Fund for the Republic, and later as Director of the Trade Union program on Civil Liberties and Rights, have been a contribution to the labor movement which is beyond measure. Your specific work in the South, and your support of my end of the program both nationally and in the South have been of immense importance in achieving whatever success my own efforts have had.

Although the organizational set-up has been changed, you know I will continue to look to you for counsel, ideas, and support. You have my heart-felt thanks, both personally and professionally.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 9, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF
From EFV
Re: Letter to Paul Christopher, requesting an acknowledgment of Ben Segal's contribution to work in race relations in the South.

Harold, a reminder. A letter from Paul Christopher to Ben Segal would be most helpful. He could identify himself both as an AFL-CIO regional director and as an executive committee member of SRC. It seems to me that Ben found a way, of course in cooperation with SRC, to do what no one else was able to do: to put a man to work full-time on race relations and unions in the South. Of course providing for the continuation of this work is important also. The rest is in your hands.

July 9, 1958

Mr. Herbie Williams
Textile Workers Union of America
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Herbie:

I want to express my appreciation, and that of the whole Labor Seminar, for your presentation to our session on Thursday afternoon. You made a valuable contribution in getting factual material before the group, and in providing some important guidelines for our discussion.

It was good to have had you in the other seminar sessions as well. I think that we had a very fruitful program, even though the attendance was a bit slim. In the near future I will be sending you a summary of the labor sessions. Again my thanks for the time and energy which you put into your part of our program. I look forward to seeing you on August 21, if not sooner.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 9, 1958

Miss Thelma Stevens
Mrs. E. U Robinson
Mission Inn
Lake Junaluska, North Carolina

Dear girls:

There is something that is very much on my heart and I think it is very vital that we find someway to provide help. I am sure you already know this, but I do want to call it to your attention and ask your help and advice.

Alabama, South Georgia, and South Carolina are griped with fear--intense and real to the people. In these states there has been no change in the convictions of the good people relative to justice and equality, but they are so paralyzed with fear they no longer dare to express their convictions, in fact there is "trembling hush hush." All of this is so great, you can but say, "The Church is afraid."

Here are some samples:

While at Junaluska, Monday, Dess Jones told me that no longer, anywhere, in Columbia could be held an interracial meeting. Even the "YW" had closed its doors to any such meetings, except ones that pertained to the "Y" itself. Miss Bessie Oliver, also on Monday, told me that on her furloughs she had always spoken in the Negro churches in her home town of McRae. This time she has been warned by members of her church that she must not.

This fear is not confined to white people. In fact it is frightfully real to the Negroes. In Birmingham, Noreen Dunn, put one of the neighborhood meetings of the World Day of Prayer in a Negro church. When the day came, the white women were there

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but the only Negroes were the Pastor's wife and the president of the women's work of the church. There is much more I could tell you. There is real fear in high places that unless we keep quiet we will "hurt" our church. I do not need to enlarge on this to you two.

Now surely it is time for us to face this serious problem and find ways to free ourselves. I traced this morning the "Fear Nots" in the Bible and truly it was good devotional experience. On the bus home from Junaluska I read again our study book on Isaish and there is so much in Isaish to help us in this crisis, if it could be pointed up, but unless it is, it will not be recognized. a

I am wondering if in the clinics this week on Christian Social Relations and Spiritual Life, this fear psychosis could be studied. I hope you'll find a way. It is such a burden and a hurt and a hindrance to "the facing of these days" as Christians should.

Over and over again, there comes to me the words of President Roosevelt, "We have nothing to fear but fear itself."

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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copy/ Mrs. Robert Wilcox

July 10, 1958

Miss Charlene Rotchford
113 W. Boylston Street
Watertown, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Rotchford:

We are forwarding under separate cover such material as we have on the Negro's contributions to the American way of life. I believe you will find your regular library biography and history shelves to be a good source of biographical information; however, the following books may be helpful as introductions to the subject you have chosen.

1. The Lonesome Road, Saunders Redding, Doubleday, New York.
2. The Negro in American Culture, Margaret Just Butcher.
3. Negro Builders and Heroes, Benjamin Brawley, U. of N. C. Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.
4. The Negro in American History, John W. Cromwell, The American Negro Academy, Washington, D. C.
5. The Negro Genius, Benjamin Brawley, Dodd, Mead, and Company, New York.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 10, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Sir:

Mr. D. C. Phillips, 127 Mallette Street, Chapel Hill, N. C., informs us that he paid for New South with dues through your office. We have checked all lists this year and find he is not listed as having paid since April, 1957.

Kindly check this for us and let us know if your records differ from ours, so that we may make apology from this office if we are in error for billing him.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/bcc

July 10, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Sir:

Mr. J. William Greenleaf, 3238 College Street, Jacksonville, Fla., informs us that he paid for New South with dues through your office. We have checked all lists this year and find he is not listed as having paid since March, 1957.

Kindly check this for us and let us know if your records differ from ours, so that we may make apology from this office if we are in error in billing him.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary - Treasurer

RHA/bce

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL July 10, 1958

Mr. Ernest Q. Campbell
16 Story Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Campbell:

As you have requested, we are sending you post haste the July-August/1957 issue of New South which carried the sermon of Rev. Marion Boggs.

If, at any other time, we may be of service to you, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF
Enclosure - 2 (New South and receipt)

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL

July 10, 1958

The Drake Hotel — 440 Park Ave.
New York, New York

PL. 5-0600

Gentlemen:

Please reserve single room with bath for Mr. Harold C. Fleming for the nights July 16, 17, and 18th.

Please wire confirmation, collect.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

MF

This corresp. not sent to Clement - out of country.
No card sent to: Wright, Dabbs or Dent

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
63 Auburn Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM July 11, 1958

To: Executive Committee
Members

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: Possible Dates of Executive Committee Meeting.

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Several members of the Executive Committee have requested that the next meeting of the committee be held on August 11 or 12, if at all possible.

Of these dates, the 12th is the preference of those who have made the request. Therefore, if a majority of the members can be present on that date, the meeting will be held at the SRC office, commencing at 10:00 A. M., and ending at approximately 4:00 P. M. of the same day.

Would you please check and return the enclosed card to us as soon as possible? If both of the dates listed are possible for you, please so indicate. As soon as we have heard from a majority of the committee members we will inform you of which, if either, of the dates have been selected.

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PA/mf
enclosure - 1

July 11, 1958

Dear Mr. Wright:

The enclosed memo is being sent to all members of the Executive Committee. We have noted that you will plan to be with us on the 12th, if that date is selected, and we assume that you can be with us on the 11th, if that date is selected.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

July 11, 1958

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Harold tells me that he has discussed with you the possibility of your being available on August 12th. Accordingly, we are sending the enclosed memo to the members of the Committee.

If you cannot be with us on the 12th, the meeting will be scheduled for Monday, the 11th, assuming that a sufficient number of members can be present on that date.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

July 11, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Dent:

You will note from the enclosed memo that, following your conversation with Harold, we are attempting to schedule the Executive Committee meeting for August 11th or 12th, preferably the latter date. Mr. Dabbs has some complication with the 12th, but is now trying to re-arrange his schedule so that he can be in Atlanta on that date. If he is able to do so, the meeting will be on the 12th in all probability.

Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will assume that the 12th is your preference of dates.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

VIA AIR MAIL July 11, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Enclosed are a few newspaper clippings and a copy of a letter distributed by Governor Marvin Griffin which have at least some slight bearing on the question of discriminatory intent behind the 1958 registration law. So far we have found little that would serve as firm evidence of discriminatory purpose. Part of the problem arises from the fact that the two opposing factions in the legislature backed different bills.

We have only begun to canvass our material as yet, however, and I shall be sending you more information next week.

We should like to have the clippings back as soon as you have had a chance to copy any that might prove useful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Clippings and materials sent to Mr. Putzel - Dept. of Justice
July 11, 1958

Ltr. circulated by Margin Griffin re; voting and registration.
Atl. Daily World - 8/31/57 "Griffin Threatens to alter Election Laws of Ga."

11/8/57 Const. "Bolster Voting Laws Foil U.S., Griffin Asks"
11/8/57 Const. "Movement is Growing to Curb Negro Voting" by Wm. Bates
11/22/57 Const. "Crime Barriers and Stiffer Tests Proposed..."
11/22/57 Const. "No Statenville Charter, Court Says, Halts Voting"
11/22/57 Const. "A Professor Might Fail Proposed Voters' Test."
11/22/57 At. World "Qualifications Tests for Voters Being Proposed"
11/22/57 At. Journal, "Tighter Vote Plan Aimed at Negroes."
11/24/57 N. Y. Times, "Negro Vote Curb Asked in Georgia"
12/1/57 Journal and Const., "Election Law Proposals Held Peril to South's Stand"
12/8/57 Journal and Const. "Bloc Voting Curb Effort Up Again"
12/7/57 Journal and Guide, "Ga. Seeking Anti-Race Voting Laws"
12/15/57 Journal and Const., "Solons to Seek Modification in Proposed Voting Curb Plan"
12/29/57 Chat. Times, "Georgia Aims at Negro Voters"
✓ 1/2/58 Const., "Tighter Rules for Voting Loom as State's Leaders Back Scheme"
✓ 1/7/58 Journal, "Moate Urges Poll Tax to Curb Negro Voting"
1/19/58 Journal & Const., "Tough Voter Law Faces Softening"
2/10/58 Const., "Griffin Toying with Dynamite in Pushing for Re-Registration"
2/5/58 Journal, "Dirty Pieces of Silver"
2/10/58 Const., "Voters Rap Insurance Rise Plan"
✓ 2/11/58 At. World, "Griffin, Vandiver Close to Agreement on Voting Taxes"
✓ 2/16/58 Journal & Const., "Politics Pushes Legislation into Background..."
✓ 2/19/58 Const., "House Kills Governor's Voter Bill"
✓ 2/11/58 Journal, "Bills Before the Legislature"
✓ 2/20/58 Const., "Vandiver's Curbs on Voters Approved 134-40..."
✓ 2/20/58 Const., ~~$~~ "$1.00 Poll Tax Amendment is Defeated"
3/26/58 Chatt. Times, "Griffin Accepts New Voter Bill"
✓ 3/30/58 Journal & Const., "State Law Paves Rough, Rugged Road to Ballot Box"

July 14, 1958

Greater Miami Chapter
American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Gentlemen:

We are sorry to inform you that " A Check List For Your Schools" is now out of print.

Enclosed our Publication Listings.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/bcc

July 14, 1958

Doctor Lewis W. Jones
Research Director
Rural Life Council
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Doctor Jones:

The Atlanta World of July 1, 1958, refers to a series of articles on the situation of the Negro farmer which you authored. We would very much appreciate your writing us as to where we might obtain this series, or, if the study is available through the Rural Life Council, your sending us one (1) copy. Please bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

P. S.-We assume that this study is more recent than your CHANGING STATUS OF THE NEGRO IN SOUTHERN AGRICULTURE, which we now have.

memo pad

July 14, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

I don't know if you get to see the various union papers. I thought that the Tennessee State Labor Council would want to know that the Machinist had carried the attached article by Eric Peterson on TVA.

For whatever use it is to you, here it is.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 15, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal
Education Director, IUE
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I failed to get copies of the various pieces of literature which you had secured relative to the organising campaign by TWUA in Jefferson Mills, the Amalgamated Butcherworkmen in the Roanoke, Virginia campaign, and any others which you may have had at Fisk. Could you send these to me for me to either keep here or to copy?

It may be possible to get the Wall Street Journal to run a feature article on the use of race hate by northern or national companies. They would want recent cases - from early spring forward. I believe if we uncovered a few more they would feel that they had a story. Any further leads that you pick up, or suggestions, would be helpful.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 15, 1958

Doctor A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of
   the Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Doctor Miller:

We are enclosing the Fellowship of Reconciliation "The Montgomery Story," in comic book form, the only material we have under a title similar to the one you quote in your letter of July 15th.

There will be no charge for this booklet.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

July 15, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Galen Martin
109 Tulane Drive
Knoxville 14, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

I am very happy to hear that you are able to proceed on the survey of employment practices in federal establishments in the Knoxville area. I am very sorry that I have been unable to reach you by phone the last two days.

It is perhaps unseemly for me to press you for your findings so soon, but I would like to have whatever information you have uncovered to date sent as soon as possible. If this means sending it to me piece-meal, that will be O. K. However, please continue on to get as full a report as your resources allow.

Thanks so much for taking this one on. It will be a great help.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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July 16, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Secretary, CCD
9 East 30th Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Arnie:

Dr. Gilbert Porter of the Florida State Teachers Association has recently brought to our attention a pamphlet containing an excellent speech of Dr. Rembert W. Patrick, Department of History, University of Florida. The Florida State Teachers Association has published this speech.

I have asked Dr. Porter, as you will note on the enclosed copy of my letter to him, to send you one hundred (100) copies of this pamphlet for distribution through CCD's channels. A memo from you to key people in the various agencies who participate in CCD should accompany the pamphlet when you distribute it.

Dr. Porter's approach is historically accurate, shows real insight into the southern situation, and provides a framework in which thoughtful southerners may move ahead. I hope you will give it a real boost.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Dr. Gilbert Porter

Daily file copy

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July 16, 1958

Dr. Gilbert Porter
P. O. Box 211
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Gilbert:

It was good to be with you at the ATA annual convention in Daytona Beach. We here are all impressed, as I told you, with the speech of Rembert Patrick. We would like an additional twenty-five copies for distribution to key people in the South.

You will recall that I promised to send you the address of the man with CCD, and asked that you send him one hundred (100) copies for distribution to key agency personnel throughout the nation. Here is his address:

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Secretary, CCD
9 East 38th Street
New York 16, New York

I thought the ATA convention was stimulating and important. I was glad to have a small part in it.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Arnold Aronson

July 16, 1958

Mr. Stanley Leibner
Executive Assistant
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Stanley:

Thanks for your letter of July 11 regarding the position of Executive Director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations. That slot has been filled. Indeed, in the last few weeks all openings in state councils have been filled.

If you intend to apply for any other positions, you might let me know for I know a good many people in this field and will be glad to say a good word for you.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 16, 1958

Mr. John Lassoe
Executive Secretary, NAIRO
152 West 42nd Street
Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

Many thanks of your letter of June 26 with the check for $50.00. I have made it over to the Southern Regional Council, as we do with all honorariums.* Thanks also for your kind words about my participation in the evaluation sessions at the Seminar.

I have not yet had a chance to discuss with Machion the possibility of working with the Back-of-the-Yards Movement in Chicago. I have just returned to the office after additional field trips since I left on my vacation.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

*Anglo-Saxon for honoraria

July 16, 1958

Mr. Kenneth W. Robinson
Director, Region 1-D, UAW
215 Sheldon Avenue, S. E.
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Ken:

It was so good to be with you and the brothers of Region 1-D at the FDR camp in June. I always enjoy speaking to such an attentive and interested audience.

I am enclosing a voucher for my expense account. I just trust that you think my contribution is worth this much.

The tempo of events is picking up in the South, particularly in the Virginia communities which face desegregation this fall. We are spending much time up there.

Best regards to all the gang.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: Expense account

July 16, 1958

Mr. John Alexander
210 Hamilton Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear John:

Thank you for your excellent report on your consultant work in northern Virginia (now called "upper Virginia" by many). John Hope tells me that he has already called you, and we are in agreement that the job you did was skillful, well-done, and completely within the framework of our consultant program. As a tax exempt organization we must keep away from political matters and you did a wise job of that.

I am enclosing a check for $43.52. We arrived at that figure in this manner:

We advanced you $75.00. Your actual expenses were $48.52. This left a balance of $26.48 over-pay. You worked two days at $35.00 per day fee, a total of $70.00. Subtracting $26.48 over-pay from the $70.00 due you leaves a balance of $43.52 due you. For your information, we pay eight cents per mile for the use of your personal car.

As John told you on the phone, we think it wise for you to concentrate on Arlington, for Bonita Valien to concentrate in Charlottesville, and Harry Walker to concentrate in Norfolk-Newport News. We will of course all come together from time to time and keep each other abreast of developments in our respective communities.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c. c. John Hope

July 16, 1958

Miss Nancy Upp
Assistant Dean of Students
The University of Chicago
School of Social Service Admn.
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Dean Upp:

I have just returned to the office after a vacation and several extended field trips and found your letter awaiting me.

I believe that Mr. Howard D. Roberts will be an unusually able doctoral candidate. He certainly has superior intellectual qualities, ability to do independent research, and has a background of experience which would prepare him for making considerable contributions in the field of human relations.

Mr. Roberts was Assistant Director of the Florida Council on Human Relations for more than a year. During that period of time he demonstrated his keen intellect, his deep dedication to democratic principles, and an ability to understand the complexities of the situation.

I, therefore, recommend him for admission to the Post-Master's Program at the University of Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 16, 1958

MEMORANDUM:

To: State Councils on Human Relations

From: Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council

The enclosed pamphlet, INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH, has proved to be a useful pulling-together of some of the economic fadtors operating in the South today. I don't believe that the problems and prospects involved in the whole industrialization process are anywhere else so handily reproduced.

Would you like to make a limited distribution of this piece? Perhaps to selected persons from your executive committe or your general membership, business and labor leadership in the state, and business editors of the press, radio, and television. We could send copies to your office or directly to the persons you select if you will supply us with names and addresses.

EFV:ls

July 16, 1958

Secretary
Interstate Commerce Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I would like very much to obtain information regarding enforcement of the ICC ruling (which became effective January 10, 1956) banning segregated facilities in public transportation waiting rooms. Specifically, I would like answers to the following questions:

(1) Has the ICC had to issue orders in individual cities since 1955 to achieve desegregation of waiting rooms whose management did not voluntarily comply with the general order?

(2) What are the names of the cities against which such individual orders have been issued? Which branch of transportation (train, bus, or air line waiting room) was involved?

[illegible]

(3) Did compliance with the ruling result?

(4) What procedure should be followed in reporting noncompliANCE Does the ICC investigate and rule on **all** complaints?

Please note that the above questions are only concerned with waiting room facilities, not travel facilities.

Thank you in advance for your reply.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 16, 1958

Mr. Emanuel Muravchik
Director
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York, New York

Dear Manny:

This is a belated note of appreciation for your speech, "The Responsibility of the North in the Integration Crisis in the South." This was a very perceptive and helpful analysis, and I hope it got the distribution it deserves.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 16, 1958

Mr. Gordon Tiffany
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Gordon:

With apologies for so many separate communications, this is to follow up my suggestion of case studies of communities where voting and other civil rights problems are acute. The most difficult areas in the South lie within the rural "Black Belt" where Negroes are heavily concentrated. Enclosed are statistical data on several deep South counties that fall in this category and might be usefully studied.

I am also enclosing an Anti-Defamation League report on Tuskegee, Alabama -- a special case -- which you may not have seen.

As you will recall, my main point was that civil rights problems in these areas can be understood only within the total context of social, economic, and political conditions. Consideration of individual cases of discrimination, alone, will hardly get at the basic difficulties.

I realize that it might be unwise to limit the case-study approach to any one geographic area.

Selecting representative counties or communities in other subregions of the South and elsewhere in the United States would be a simple matter.

If such studies should be undertaken, we should be glad to make available any of our information that might be helpful.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - (Statistical data on Lowndes & Wilcox Counties,
Alabama; Sumter County, Ga.; Sunflower
County, Miss.; Holmes County, Miss.;
Williamsburg County, S. C.)

also
~~Reprint of Melvin Tumin's~~ - Tuskegee, Ala.
Report "Voting Rights + Eco. Pressures"
distributed by ADL.

July 16, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I received a call the other day from George Hunton, director of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York, which publishes the Interracial Review.

Mr. Hunton was wondering if there would be any objection to his publishing, perhaps with some condensation, your speech made in Greenville County some time back. I assured him that you would have no objection.

You will be receiving several copies of the Interracial Review which contains your article. I trust I had your proxy in giving Hunton permission to reprint your speech.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 16, 1958

Professor Francis M. Wilhoit
Department of Government
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Mr. Wilhoit:

Thanks ever so much for sending me a copy of your stimulating chapter from your thesis on "The Puritan Ethos and the Status Quo." I have read it with great absorption and benefit. I agree with you entirely that this is a regrettably neglected cultural aspect of the deep South. Aside from Lillian Smith's impressionistic writings on the subject, I can think of no one else who has dealt with it meaningfully.

If you had had more space and attention to give to this subject, I would have suggested another dimension - namely, the increasing conflicts within Southern Protestantism, occasioned by the pressures of a changing world. Even the Southern Baptists have not been immune to the new moral stirrings within religious groups the world over. It is interesting to see how this contest between the old and the new manifests itself within Southern churches and religious bodies.

In any case, I appreciate your sharing this provocative material with me, and I hope you will send me any further portions of your thesis which you may produce.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 16, 1958

Dr. S. Andhil Fineberg
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Dr. Fineberg:

Right after I last saw you in New York, Harry Fleishman and I took part in a discussion of the Citizens' Council Forum with other members of the Mass Media Committee. We agreed then that each of us would do what we could to get access to these films and tapes, so that we could be guided by a first-hand evaluation of their contents.

My own efforts in this direction to date have not been successful. The problem is that radio and television people sympathetic to our point of view are unwilling to subscribe to the series, since this would enable the Citizens' Council to make capital of that fact. As you will see from the enclosure, the Citizens' Council is publicizing the names of stations which order the material. I must say that, though I had not anticipated this particular problem, I have considerable sympathy with the radio and television people who do not want to get their names on the Citizens' Council's "sucker" list. We are still working on the problem, and if we have any luck I will let you know.

One alternative, though a poor one, is to have friends audit the broadcasts in those places shown on the attached schedule. Then, if the material is objectionable - as I would expect it to be - representations might be made to the stations presenting it.

I shall be glad to pass on to you any further information we can get, and I hope you will do the same for us.

I enjoyed my visit with you and the other members of the AJC staff, and I hope you will call on us whenever you are in Atlanta.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 (Schedule of Citizens' Council Forum for Radio and TV - The Citizens' Council, June/1958.)

July 16, 1958

Mr. Paul Christopher
Regional Director - AFL-CIO
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Emory has told me of the good job you did at the Fisk Labor Seminar, for which we are grateful as always.

As you may know, Ben Segal has remitted to SRC a lump-sum contribution from his Trade Union Program on Civil Rights and Liberties designated for Emory Via's salary through 1959. To have this service assured for the next year and a half is a great boon to SRC and, we believe, to the labor movement. Of course, Emory and I have written appropriate letters of acknowledgement and thanks to Ben, but it occurred to me that a letter from SRC's favorite union member would be especially appreciated by him. Such a letter might also further strengthen his standing with those Internationals that have contributed to his budget for this Southern program.

If you feel inclined to write Ben your estimate of the Labor Consultant Program may debt of appreciation to you will be that much larger.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 16, 1958

Mr. Hubert S. Beckwith
The Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Mr. Beckwith:

I am delighted that you have offered the position of Director to Paul Rilling and that he has accepted. I feel sure that this will be a very productive and mutually rewarding relationship. I am also encouraged by the word that John Hope and Fred Routh brought back from the one-day meeting in Richmond. We want to do everything we can to strengthen and supplement the good work of the Virginia Council in the crucial period just ahead.

I know that you and the other officers, as well as Paul Rilling, once he starts, will bear in mind that the better informed we are about the situation there, the greater the possibility that we can be of help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Separate mailing to Mr. Daniel's Cousin:

Mr. Henry Augustus L'Engle Taylor
209 Oakdale Road
Baltimore 10, Maryland

New South, April/1958 (2 copies)

" " , May/1958 (1 copy)

" " , June/1958 (1 copy)

Mr. Daniel placed on New South mailing list for three years.

July 16, 1958

Mr. Richard P. Daniel
206 West Forsyth Street
Jacksonville 2, Florida

Dear Mr. Daniel:

It is pleasant indeed to hear from you again. I have read with great interest your exchange of correspondence with your young cousin. I am sending him some back issues of New South which he may find interesting, and I am enclosing the additional copies of the May issue which you requested.

Your generous check is more than sufficient to keep New South coming to you for the foreseeable future.

With my warmest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3 (New South, May/1958)

July 16, 1958

Mr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herman:

It was rewarding, as always, to have a part in the Institute. Indeed all of us here benefited from it in various ways, and I only hope that the benefit was at least partly mutual.

My total expenses came to $41.50.

All the best to you and your able associates.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 16, 1958

Miss Jean B. Wright
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Wright:

Thank you for your letter of July 7 and the enclosed reprint. The way in which the legend is shown will be quite satisfactory. It should read:

Distributed by:
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

If your mailing house can conveniently do so, I shall appreciate their sending 1,000 copies of the reprint to the American Jewish Committee, 386 Fourth Avenue, New York 16, New York (Attn: Mrs. Kaufer). The bill should, of course, be directed to us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 16, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

It's true that we don't often disagree, and evidently also true that we do so in regard to Harry Ashmore's article in Harper's.

I must confess that I even doubted whether we read the same article. The burden of the piece, as I understood it, was that the press had done a poor job of communicating the realities and significance of Little Rock to the country-at-large. This happens to be a favorite thesis of mine and one that I think important for as many people as possible to understand - most especially representatives of the press itself, to whom Ashmore's remarks were originally addressed.

It's true that Ashmore's main illustration of this shortcoming was the failure of the press to report and interpret the lack of leadership given by the executive branch of the Federal Government in the whole miserable sequence of events. I think this was a good illustration to use, especially since the default of leadership in the South has had so much righteous attention, while the failure of leadership in the national government is only now beginning to be recognized as the critical and incomprehensible phenomenon that it is. Anybody who knows the South and the way in which power is distributed and used in the South may deplore the lack of responsible leadership down here, but can hardly fail to understand it. The default of leadership in the White House and in the Justice Department is not so easily explained or understood.

As you know, I am committed to the proposition that Southerners themselves have an obligation to give positive leadership, even if this entails a pretty high price in terms of abuse and reprisals. But I am sensitive to the demoralizing effect which inaction and cowardice in Washington have on good people in Southern communities. And I have yet to be convinced that the price tag on leadership in Washington compares with the price tag on local leadership for desegregation in the South.

So we disagree. But I am sure our friendship is of such fibre that it will survive and even grow stronger on an occasional difference of opinion.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Arthur J. Levin
Mr. Irwin Schulman

July 16, 1958

Dr. C. Vann Woodward
Johns Hopkins University
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Dr. Woodward:

I am writing this on the assumption, perhaps ill founded, that a letter so addressed will reach you this summer.

We should like to ask a favor of you. Mr. James McBride Dabbs, farmer and writer of Mayesville, South Carolina, has written a book called, The Southern Heritage to be published by Knopf on August 18. Over and above the merits of the book, which I think are considerable, we have a special interest in it, since Mr. Dabbs is the president of the Southern Regional Council. Less biased, advanced writers, like Hodding Carter and Robert Penn Warren, have also praised it highly.

Would you be willing to review the book for our publication, New South? I turn to you with this request because my strong feeling that Mr. Dabbs' approach to the South's problems is one which you will find especially congenial and which you are especially qualified to assess. Though a "liberal" on matters racial, Mr. Dabbs has the love of tradition and the positive values of Southern culture natural to a farmer who has remained close to ancestral soil all his life. In examining the South from its perspective history, he finds every reason to discard segregation, but he also finds those elements which could make the South something better than the dehumanized industrial society which seems to be gaining on us elsewhere.

I make this feeble attempt to characterize the book only because I sense in it a close kinship with much of your own writing. I hope you will feel so too and will be willing to oblige us by taking the time out to do a review of it. If so, please drop me a word to that effect and I shall send our advance copy to you at once.

With appreciation and kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

July 17, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Acting Chief - Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

I am about to leave town for the rest of week and am writing you thus hastily to tell you where our efforts stand.

Emory Via of our staff will be sending you today or tomorrow some clippings which bear on the question of intent of the 1949 Georgia Registration Act. We have also discovered that the Georgia League of Women Voters had an observer present at the sessions of the Election Law Committee which formulated the provisions incorporated in the 1958 Act. We are in the process of securing a copy of this observer's report and will write you further about it as soon as possible.

Next week we will continue to look for further relevant materials.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 17, 1958

Mr. P. B. Young, Sr., Publisher
The Norfolk Journal and Guide
719 East Olney Road
Norfolk 1, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

Pursuant to Mr. Fleming's letter to you of June 27, I am sending on to you, in his absence, several copies of the Lin Holloway reprints.

If you have need of additional copies, please let us know and we will send them on to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF
Enclosures - 6 copies Holloway reprints

July 17, 1958

List of materials to be sent under separate cover to:

Miss Marjorie Bailey
1300 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

New South, (most recent issue)

Voting Study

Industrialization: Accent on the South

Script and promotional material on film,

"Face of the South"

Congressional Reprint, Senator Douglas' speech on SRC history and the voting study.

July 17, 1958

PERSONAL

Miss Marjorie Bailey
Education Department
International Association of Machinists
1300 Connecticut Avenue
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Marge:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th. Certainly I understand your situation when in Atlanta; I look forward to a visit from you on your return trip here.

Under separate cover I am sending you several SRC publications. The voting study would conceivably have some relation to your situation in Alabama. None of the other materials would be of specific interest to that problem. However, I will shortly have a summary of our recent labor seminar run at Fisk University. I think that it will contain some ideas and approaches which will at least be suggestive of things that can be done, even in a deep South state.

Although the chief weight of the Alabama labor movement has not been very good in race relations terms, the leadership of the Alabama Labor Council is quite exceptional. However, these men operate within the confines of a pretty tight situation. You would be able to get ideas and resource help from such people as Barney Weeks, the President; E. C. Pippin, the First Vice-President who is in charge of legislative affairs; and Leroy Lindsay, the Secretary.

We have worked out a variety of approaches in dealing with the ways in which racial issues affect the labor movement. These approaches have been used successfully in a number of southern situations. If modesty is not offended, I would suggest that a conference with me would justify itself as a preliminary to any education program in Alabama which relates racial and union issues. Of course, if it is indicated, I would be happy to also serve as a program resource person.

In the last eighteen months we have seen a good bit of loosening up in the labor movement in the matter of practical discussion of racial issues and their importance to unions in the South. It has been of no little value that most of the worst bigots are also staunch anti-union folk as well. This in itself suggests one useful approach; however, it is one which I am personally reluctant to use unless shored up by several other approaches.

I will let other suggestions come from the summary of the labor seminar sessions. It is possible that I will be in Washington sometime during the week of July 28 - probably the latter part of that week. If this turns out to be the case, I will certainly be in touch with you.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 17, 1958

MEMORANDUM:

To: HCF

From: EFV

I thought you might want to be reminded my travel schedule is such that I will not be in town on July 29, which is the date of the sub-committee hearing. This again leaves us with the matter of Feldman; his letter did not indicate that he looked to SRC or to me for any help.

July 17, 1958

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

By the time you see this, we will probably have been together in New York. At any rate, I am looking forward eagerly to that prospect.

Thanks ever so much for suggesting SRC for possible inclusion in the Pembroke College Campus Chest. I have written Miss Wolens enclosing some background material on SRC and its work. Apart from the possibility of tangible support, it's a pleasure to read so polished and favorable a description of the Council and its program. In my more promotion minded moments, I could not have done better myself.

With appreciation and warm regards from all of us,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures: Cong. Rec. Reprint
SRC Annual Report, 1957
New York Times Reprint - 12/25/57
New South, June/1958

July 17, 1958

Miss Nancy Wolens
893 Dean Avenue
Highland Park, Illinois

Dear Miss Wolens:

Miss Katharine Taylor has been kind enough to send me a copy of her letter to you suggesting that the Pembroke College Campus Chest might want to include the Southern Regional Council among its beneficiaries.

As you will see from the enclosed material, the Southern Regional Council is a long-established race relations organization that is presently working to facilitate desegregation of public facilities and more democratic relations generally within its twelve Southern states.

Needless to say, we should be most pleased if your group considered the Council as an organization worthy of support. If you would like more information on any point, please let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

July 17, 1958

Mrs. Jandon Schwarz, Executive Assistant
The American Jewish Committee
1208 Congress Building
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Mrs. Schwarz:

I have recently received Seymour Samet's letter of July 8, enclosing a copy of a memo to your national office regarding a proposed community audit. He asks that I not wait until his return from Bethel to answer the letter, but direct my reply to you. Hence, this letter.

Seymour raised three questions:

1. "Is it possible that the Southern Inter-Agency Group can lend professional assistance in developing the research guides, etc.?"
   The Southern Inter-Agency Conference might well be interested in such a project. The only adequate way to determine this, however, is to submit a fully detailed proposal at their next meeting. (August 7-8)

2. "Are professional consultants available to us for specific responsibilities before, during, and after the survey?"
   Dr. Herman Long, Director of the Race Relations Institute, Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, has developed and supervised considerable work in this area. He or others connected with the Institute could be of considerable help. As to SRC's consultants, they could be of help in the period following the survey in offering consultative services, if action programs develop out of the survey.

3. "Is money available from any source that you are aware of which can be used to subsidize the cost of this project?"
   I know of no specific source for funds, but your own

> organization and the National Conference of Christians and Jews have helped underwrite such projects in the past. A properly prepared request to one of the foundations might strike a responsive chord.

One more suggestion: Dr. Irwin T. Sanders, Department of Sociology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, has had considerable experience in this type project.

I trust this is helpful. All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 17, 1958

Mrs. E. V. Ennis
1536 Holland Avenue
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

I think that by this time you are back at home and expecting a letter from me - so here it is.

My trip to Junaluska was most worthwhile. Mrs. Wilcox, Thelma and I agreed that you were the very person we needed to do some special work in Virginia during the weeks before school opened - and then you graciously consented to take the job.

You will work under the Council's "Fellowship of the Concerned" - and thus work especially with church people, more particularly with the women - but don't leave out ministers and others. From time to time let me hear from you.

We have a Virginia Council on Human Relations. Reverend John H. Marion has been the Executive Director. He is now with the Presbyterian Church with office at 1409 Chowan Road; Richmond - telephone AT 8-1210. If you need any advice or information, call him.

The new director is Paul Rilling - who has not yet taken office. Now as for the work - you will need to concentrate your efforts in the strategic towns of Norfolk, Charlottesville, Arlington, and Newport News, if the latter gets court orders before school opens.

So far, we have no connections at Norfolk. You, more than any other church person, can give us the "lay of the land"- what is being said and done on either side. If there is no group already active against the closing of schools, see what you can do about it. You know better what to do than I.

We would appreciate it if you can give us a list of people in Norfolk who stand for law and order and against a repetition of the Little Rock story.

In Charlottesville you will, from the enclosure from the city's paper see the organized opposition.

We have some good contacts and you have many more in your church capacity. Ours are Mrs. Haswell H. Walker, 2304 Fontaine Avenue. She is just going out of office a president of Women's Work in the Christian Church. She was with us at our workshop last October. You may know her, Mrs. Mildred Brown, 201 Sunset Avenue, Mrs. Robert McClesky - are our other contacts. Of course use your own contacts also.

While we have no one right in Arlington, Reverend Hubert Beckwith, Congregational Christian Church of Fairfax County, P. O. Box 186, Annandale; Mr. David Scull, Turnpike Press, Annandale - phone CL 6-3444, are our "stand-bys".

Send in your expense accounts as often as you wish - we allow 8¢ per mile for gas. Your long distance calls, your meals, hotel bills etc.- just as you have been accustomed in your church work are to be included.

There will be a stipend of $100 - I wish it could be more.

I certainly will be pulling for you. In a day or so, you will receive a survey of the field which is being prepared now.

Best wishes to you. It certainly gives me joy and courage that you will be giving your best-self to this work.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/blc

July 17, 1958

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Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

MET/blc

July 18, 1958

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Thanks for your letter of June 18 which came while I was out of the city on both vacation and later extended field trips.

I am enclosing a copy of my memo of November, 1955, on riot prevention. I hope you will find it helpful. You will note that it is not for reproduction, for we have obtained permission from the publishers to reprint materials for distribution to state people only. With this word of caution, you are welcome to it.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: memo on riot prevention

July 18, 1958

Mrs. W. C. Kendrick, Editor
The Journal of Labor
Room 100
Atlanta Labor Temple
345 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kendrick:

Here is a copy of the most recent issue of our publication, *New South*, and a special issue on Negro voting.

I look forward to receiving *The Journal of Labor* on an exchange basis.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 18, 1958

Mr. Arthur Dye, Jr.
1641 Providence Road
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Arthur Dye:

Frankly I am at a loss as to a suggestion for employment possibilities for you. Your interest and qualifications have been thoroughly considered by those of us here at the Council; we would like to see you well-placed, but cannot come up with a specific suggestion at this time. The reason you have not heard from me sooner is that for a period of about two weeks it looked as if the Virginia Council might work out an arrangement whereby they could use a younger man working closely with their top policy people.

Bill Williams of the Florida Council on Human Relations may still be looking for someone to serve as an intern in his program. I had thought this slot was already filled. A letter to him would be in order; if you would like copies of the letters I have received from Clyde Barrington, Courtney Siceloff, and Morris Mitchell sent to him I would be glad to do this on word from you.

It is with real regret that we face the fact that we can turn up so few opportunities for someone who is ready to go to work. We will continue to keep you in mind, and you will be notified of any possibilities that come to our attention. You have our every good wish in your efforts to find satisfactory placement.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

July 18, 1958

Mr. Victor K. Ray, Editor
Union Labor Bulletin
Donaghey Building
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Ray:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the most recent issue of our publication, New South, and a special issue on Negro voting.

We would like very much to receive the Union Labor Bulletin on an exchange basis.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

July 18, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Reservation Desk

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your wire confirming reservations for me and John Hope the night of July 19. Both of us will be arriving in the Capitol rather late. I believe that I will be the first to arrive - about 10:00 P. M.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 18, 1958

Dr. H. Councill Trenholm
American Teachers Association
P. O. Box 271
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Dr. Trenholm:

Many thanks for your letter of July 16 with a check for my travel expenses to the Daytona Beach meeting of the ATA.

It was a decided pleasure to be with you and the other members of the association. I was impressed with their seriousness of purpose, their alert attention to discussions, and their quiet determination to be a force for progress in these critical times.

Thank you for your kind words about my participation.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 18, 1958

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Department of Christian Ethics
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

We have just sent you sixty copies of the Nashville study, and sixty copies of "Public Ethics and the Integration Question". Both of these are sent without charge. Unfortunately we did not have a sufficient number of the Charlotte and Winston-Salem study to meet your needs.

We do have available up to sixty copies of the study on resistance groups and the directory of human relations agencies in the South. Normally, these are ten cents per copy, but because of the good use to which you will put them you may have them at five cents per copy, plus postage.

I am sending you a small packet of other materials that are available, with the price list included.

All good regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 18, 1958

Mr. Charles J. Mumford, Director
Department of Political Science
Southern Maryland Free State
Library Association
P. O. Box 1493
Annapolis, Maryland

Dear Mr. Mumford:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 17th requesting a current list of the Southern Regional Council's board members and officers. Enclosed herewith is a copy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to the Executive Director

MF
Enclosure - 1 (Board List)

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: State Councils on Human Relations

From: Fred Routh

Re: New financial form for quarterly reports

Enclosed herewith are ten copies of the long-awaited simplified financial reporting form. From here on out please use it instead of the old form in making your quarterly financial reports to SRC. Fill out two forms each quarter - one for SRC, and one for your files.

Any suggested improvements are welcomed.

July 18, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jn.
Acting Chief - Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

At the request of Harold Fleming I am sending you some materials relative to the legislative intent in the passage of the re-registration law of 1949 in Georgia. The enclosed clippings do three things: (1) They show the governor's intent in asking for a re-registration law and the intent of the legislators in providing him with the kind of law he requested; (2) they indicate that there was a wide public acceptance of the idea that the legislation was intended to curb Negro participation in the electoral process; (3) they adequately demonstrate that "bloc voting" in Georgia politics means "Negro voting".

Clip #1 is an excerpt from Governor Talmadge's address to a joint session of the House and Senate on January 11, 1949. The full text of this speech is officially recorded in the Journal of the Georgia House (1948-1950) on page 79ff. This clip is the full text of that part of the speech which is excerpted. In December the governor had a conference of legislators to discuss a possible registration bill. On the day following his January 11 address, there was introduced into the house H. B. #2 - the second order of business for the session - a voter re-registration bill. A suitable bill was agreed to after amendments and substitute bills had been introduced in both the House and Senate and deliberated upon by a conference committee.

Clip #2 indicates some of the elements that went into the bill's passage and the main provisions of the bill itself.

Clip #3 contains five articles which indicate that there was a public idea that the bill was intended to hamper Negro voting; these clips also show that bloc voting is equated to Negro voting.

Clip #4 gives some information on a court attack made against the bill; this attack arose largely because of practical difficulties in implementing the re-registration law.

Clip # 5 further indicates discriminatory intent. More importantly, it shows that the governor and the legislature were on notice that recent court rulings required the absence of discriminatory language if a re-registration law was to stand constitutionally. This awareness has continued until the present time, so that it is difficult to find instances of discriminatory intent in the official public records.

Clip #6 indicates how the governor felt a good registration procedure should operate under his re-registration law. Bibb County is one of Georgia's eight most populous counties; the city of Macon is located there. The report of lower Negro registration in Bibb was not typical for the state as a whole. Note that the quotations in this clip are directly from Talmadge's own political weekly paper.

I trust that by tomorrow evening I will be able to send you some information on the proceedings of the special elections law committee which reported out the 1958 bill.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL July 18, 1958

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mildred:

I got to thinking after receiving your telephone call, about a proposed visit to the chief of police in Charlottesville. I am enclosing a thermofaxed copy of a compilation of articles I did back in '55.

While this would not be good for use by the City Council, it would be good for use by the chief of police. You and others might stop by and visit him and leave this with him. Please note the last paragraph of the introduction regarding the copyright on the material. Hope this helps.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Compilation of articles on Riot Prevention)

July 18, 1958

Mr. Barbee W. Durham
70 Auburn Avenue
Columbus 5, Ohio

Dear Mr. Durham:

Thanks for your recent letter with the kind words about my participation in the fourth annual celebration of the Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954.

You will recall, I am sure, that this was a talk with a friendly audience. I have received Calvin Kytle's transcript of this speech. While I am happy for the national office in New York to have a copy, I would not want it generally distributed in its present form. If any thought is given to distribution of this speech, I would want to edit it before its release.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. Thomas J. Barrett
Inter-Racial Church Movement, Inc.
P. O. Box 8132
Washington 24, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

Your letter of June 23 has been brought to my attention. I note that my good secretary, Miss Sandefur, has already sent you several publications which should be of help to you.

Several things come to mind about working in an inter-racial field: (1) It is important to work with people, not on or for them. Working for people is paternalistic; working on people is manipulative. (2) It is important to work for the creation of a more democratic society. Special pleading or work for the self-interest of any group is not as effective as working for the good of all in creating a democratic society in which each individual is accorded recognition of equal human dignity. (3) It is important to remember the sanctity of the individual spirit and the sacredness of individual personality. Each person is a child of God and should be treated accordingly. (4) It is important to work in cooperation with other like-minded individuals and organizations in our day-by-day tasks of bringing about the goals we hold.

If we can be of any further help to you please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21,1958

Mr. Robert K. Carr
American Association of
University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of June 19 in reply to my letter about developments at LSU. I am sure you are aware that the state legislature has now ordered investigations of "pro-integration sentiment" at nine state colleges. This appears to me as direct interference with academic freedom.

I note in your letter that the Association is not planning any intervention or inquiry unless "things take a turn for the worse". I trust that the addition of eight schools to the inquisitors lists is regarded as a sufficient worsening of conditions that the Association will now take action.

Best personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
Committee on Government
and Higher Education
108 West 39th Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

The man I suggested you contact at the *Southern School News* was indeed Don Shoemaker, but unfortunately Don is leaving the paper to assume new duties with the *Miami Herald*. He is being replaced by Ed Ball, who was with the AP for a good number of years.

The Southern Education Reporting Service which publishes the *Southern School News* will supply objective, factual information to any reputable group. They occasionally open their files to interested people who visit Nashville. I would suggest that you write them for such information as you may want, or to explore the possibilities of visiting Nashville.

I trust you are keeping close tab on the developments at LSU and elsewhere in Louisiana. I note that the state legislature has ordered investigation of "pro-integration sentiment" at at least nine state colleges.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. George Culberson
Chairman, NAIRO Banquet Committee
518 City County Building
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear George:

I believe that Harry Ashmore would be by far the best speaker available for the banquet. He is unusually well informed, highly articulate, and has been through the mill at Little Rock.

Another very able speaker I would bring to your attention is Marion A. Wright, "Top Knot", Linville Fall, North Carolina.

Mr. Wright is a former President of the Southern Regional Council; he was for many years an outstanding attorney in South Carolina; on the state literacy board, and was President of the University of South Carolina Law School Alumnae Association. He is an Adlai Stevenson with a southern accent. He is a phrase-maker of Churchillian stature. Believe me, you could do no better.

Hope this is better than a reply post card.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. Lee J. Price
1005 S. E. 6th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Jack:

Upon my return to the office I found your letter of June 24 informing us that you had not received the fifty copies of New South which you had requested. I also noted that in my absence fifty additional copies, plus fifty copies of the New York Times reprint had been mailed to you at your home address.

I swear, Jack, I don't understand what is happening to the mails, but your original order was sent; and it was properly wrapped before mailing. Could it be possible that someone at the Southern Railway office is tampering with the mails?

I was greatly distressed to read that Mr. Pepper had blasted the Supreme Court's decision which refused the NAACP files to the state legislative committee in Alabama. His blast sounds like the mouthings of a desperate man. The liberal banner in Florida has been besmudged.

All good wishes to you.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. Louis A. Radelet, Director
Commission on Community Organisations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Lou:

This gal sounds as if she belongs more in your area of activities than in ours. Don't know what use you can make of her, but it's a pity to see interested people turned away.

Many thanks for the minutes on the Police-community Relations Institute at Kellog Center.

All good regards to you, Roy, and Bob.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosures: blind copy of letter to Miss Leuschner
copy of ltr. received from Miss Leuschner

BLIND COPY TO LOUIS RADELET, NCCJ

July 21, 1958

Miss Margaret E. Leuschner
130 High Street
State College, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Leuschner:

Your letter of July 16 has been directed to me. It is good to know that you are more interested in inter-group relations than in numerical relationships. I note that you are particularly interested in inter-faith relations. The Southern Regional Council is primarily engaged in inter-racial relations and in seeking to secure a more democratic society in the Southern region.

With your particular interest in inter-faith relations I would suggest that you contact the National Conference of Christians and Jews, the leading organisation in that particular aspect of inter-group relations. I would suggest you write to:

Mr. Louis A. Radelet, Director
Commission on Community Organisations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

You might tell Mr. Radelet that I suggested you contact him. Unfortunately, there are no openings at the Southern Regional Council at the present time.

If we dan be of any further assistance, please feel free to write again.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 21, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis, Vice-President
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Many thanks for the copy of Rembert Patrick's good speech. I am glad to see that the Florida Teachers Association has reprinted it. We have asked them for twenty-five copies to distribute to key people in the South. I have asked Dr. Gilbert Porter, their Executive Secretary, to mail one hundred copies to the Consultative Conference on Desegregation for distribution to key people in Human Relations agencies throughout the nation.

I note that the Supreme Court has ordered desegregation at the University of Florida and that Governor Collins has wisely accepted this decision. I would appreciate any information you might have as to what preparation is being made by the University and also by the town of Gainesville to maintain law and order and keep things under control.

I would also appreciate your evaluation of how this will work out in the University. We would be happy to supply competent consultants if the University administration should ask for them. This of course would be done on a confidential off-the-record basis with no publicity.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

PERSONAL July 21, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Here is the material on West we discussed on the telephone.

I'm also enclosing a couple of our rebuttals to charges using association with SCHW to discredit SRC board members.

If the same kind of confusion is sown next week, I should hope that we can set the record straight.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures
Testimony of Donald L. West from: Communism in the Mid-South
News and Courier editorial of June 25, 1958
HCF ltr. of reply
Firing Line Analysis

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL July 21, 1958

Mr. Jamew W. Rowe
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rowe:

In regard to your wires of July 18 and 19 to Mr. Fleming, we will be happy to assist Mr. Kenneth Fraser on his visit to Atlanta.

We have noted Mr. Fraser's date of arrival and will plan such activities as seem desirable when we receive your letter and the material on Mr. Fraser.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 21, 1958

Dr. Gordon W. Lovejoy
Program Consultant
National Conference of Christians
  and Jews
P. O. Box 8507
Guilford College, North Carolina

Dear Doc:

Thanks for your informative letter of the 17th. It is being circulated among the members of the staff concerned with Virginia.

Thanks, too, for the paper on human relations programming. I have just returned to my desk from a week's vacation but, in reasonable time, I look forward to reading it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

July 21, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
6 Blackberry Circle
Knoxville 19, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Your report is a great help. Just what was wanted. Any and all further information greatly appreciated.

You will be informed of any follow-up regarding our South-wide information in this field.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, signed in his absence)

EFV:ls

July 21, 1958

Mrs. Bard Thompson
207 N. Bellevue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Thompson:

Mrs. R. P. Richardson of Memphis has written us that you will be the new Chairman of Christian Social Relations for the United Church Women of Tennessee, and suggested that you are the logical one to attend the workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South," to be held at Clark College, Atlanta, October 16-17.

Enclosed you will find a formal invitation and a sheet giving you some history of The Fellowship of the Concerned.

We hope you will be with us. We enjoyed the contact with Mrs. Richardson. She was a valuable participant. If you need any further information, Mrs. Richardson could give it to you.

We have funds for your travel and entertainment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosure
cc: Mrs. R. P. Richardson

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Mrs. Haswell Walker
2304 Fontaine Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Walker:

We really want you to be with us in the workshop in October. We will also write Mrs. Hopkins, but I suspect she will be at your National Convention, but we would like her to be with us.

You are certainly in a strategic town these days, and will have a real experiesce to share with us. I hope there will be no repetition of Little Rock in Virginia or anywhere else.

Have you suggestions for this year's workshop?

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Dr. James P. Brawley
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

Following up our phone conversation, I am giving you in writing the dates of the workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned--Southern Women Concerned About Their South."

These are the dates:

October 16, with registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. through lunch on October 17.

I think that you understand "The Fellowship of the Concerned" is a program sponsored by the Southern Regional Council. The women will be leaders in Social Action of their denominations from the Southeastern States. This is interracial and interfaith.

I will come out to see you and talk it all over with you sometime soon. Please accept our thanks for giving us the privilege of meeting at Clark.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This is to confirm our conversation we had at Fisk. The workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Clark College, Atlanta, October 16-17. As I told you I am very much concerned about the "Fears" that beset us, and it is on this, I want help from you.

Please mark these dates and hold them for us. You will hear from me several times before the date of the workshop.

I will talk to you again when you are here at our Executive meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Interracial News Service
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Lee:

Please advise me if it is possible to secure one hundred twenty-five copies of the May-June number of Interracial News Service and what would be the cost.

I could use these to good advantage October 16-17, with the women who will be in our workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South."

I think you are familiar with this program of the Southern Regional Council. For some years now, the various Protestant denominations and the Catholic and Jewish groups have cooperated by giving us the names of women to be in the workshop.

These women are brave women, frustrated sometimes and sometimes frightened, so I believe this copy of the News Service, which gathers together the different stories of churchmen speaking and taking action will be a help to them.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lee

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Mrs. G. E. McCaskey
1526 Second Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. McCaskey:

In reply to your letter of sometime ago, I think both you and your State Chairman of Christian Social Relations should be at the workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned," October 16-17, Clark College, Atlanta. Please note the change of dates.

We never succeed in getting an attendance of many from your state, so I feel we need you especially.

You did not give us the name of your Chairman of Christian Social Relations, so we may invite her. In the meantime, please contact her so she may hold the dates and as soon as we have her name and address we will write to her.

Your strength and courage is a challenge to me. Blessings on you.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 21, 1958

Mrs. Duval Chambers
3517 Deverus Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

The workshop of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South," will be at Clark College, Atlanta, October 16-17.

You were with us some years ago and we are hoping you will be with us this year. Please put a ring around these dates.

In the meantime, please send us the names of one woman from each of the nine Southeastern States, who work in your woman's organization. It might be well to give us two names, listing them as one and two, so if the first named one will not find it possible to attend, we may invite the other one.

Please note we have funds for travel and entertainment.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 22, 1958

Mr. Wright Baker
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

We will be happy to arrange for the visit of Mrs. Saeeda Baksh.

Prior to Miss Baksh's visit, we will inform you of the arrangements which have been made.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM July 22, 1958

To: Executive Committee Members

From: Harold C. Fleming

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The majority of the members of the Executive Committee have indicated that they can be in Atlanta on Tuesday, August 12th. Therefore, the next meeting of the Committee has been scheduled for that date.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 A. M., on August 12th in the SRC Conference Room. Lunch will be served, and the meeting should end at approximately 4:00 P. M. Let us know if we can assist you in any special arrangements.

One of the main items on the agenda will be discussion of a project made possible by a new grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. The amount of the grant is $40,000 annually for a three-year period. Enclosed is a description of the special project, taken from our request to the Foundation. I hope you will have a chance to read and reflect on it before the meeting.

Best regards.

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THE ROLE OF THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

This situation imposes a tremendous responsibility on the Southern Regional Council. As the only wholly Southern interracial group with long experience, professional skills, and reputation in the field of race relations, it has had to operate on a broader and more effective scale than ever before, recognizing that it is dealing with causes and effects that are nationwide in scope. The Council's task has included but gone far beyond the stimulation of purely local action. We have felt it essential to assume more leadership in educating and rallying those regional - and sometimes national - forces whose action or inaction at this time is critical.

Lest this sound presumptuous, we hasten to add that we have no illusions that the Council is a causative force, or even, in itself, a powerful one in this vast transition. Its effectiveness must be judged in terms of the strategic importance of its activities in contested situations where the right program at the right time can make a decisive difference. Examples would be the timely release last summer of the Council's findings on Negro suffrage, the support of consultant services

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to community leadership vacillating between a forward and a backward course, and other activities described in the attached material.

We are all too conscious that the Council's present program is largely devoted to meeting these needs and opportunities that are, so to speak, thrust upon us. This is not surprising, since the demands are many and the Council's staff and resources are limited. Our information staff -- two professionals and one clerical person -- is hard pressed to get out our regular publications and service the stream of requests from the press and other media, private organizations and government agencies, our associated state councils, foreign visitors, students, teachers, writers, and so on. Our consultant service must deal with requests for assistance from the state councils and voluntary community groups seeking to rally support for desegregation. Other field staff, such as the labor consultant and director of women's work, are involved with the pressing needs of these specialized groups and with the demands of interagency coordination, which we have been asked to perform.

This means that many of the Council's present resources are enlisted in necessary work with these who are committed to some degree of preparation for desegregation or action for compliance. Many of our activities have some influence, direct or indirect, on people in decision-making positions who are not so committed. But, under the circumstances, our effectiveness with this group is limited and sporadic; and we know of no organized effort that seeks to do more - or indeed as much.

We have spoken of our belief that there is increasing receptivity to constructive suggestions among reasonable white leadership, even in the Deep South. It is logical to assume that such receptivity will grow as the issue is joined in new areas and the high price of recalcitrance becomes inescapably clear. Hence we are requesting assistance that will enable us to carry on an intensive and systematic program aimed at "moderate" leadership.

OPERATION "LAW AND ORDER."

By stressing law and order we do not imply, as some have, that advocacy of desegregation on moral and democratic grounds is useless or should be abandoned; on the contrary, it should be increased, especially by our religious leaders. We do feel that the "moderate" segment of white leadership is not likely to be moved by such advocacy in the short run. These are influential people who show some willingness to consider pragmatic arguments for change, and the tangible consequences of one alternative as against another. Thus the inevitability of desegregation, the need to maintain law and order, and the practical workability of proposed changes are most likely to influence them. The techniques which the Council is best fitted, by experience and skills to use with the "moderate" group include:

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1. *Consultation.* — We have had experience with bringing respected practitioners together with their counterparts in Southern communities. We have enabled eight local school superintendents and several school board members to draw on the experiences of school superintendents from districts which have successfully carried out desegregation. This technique would be equally useful in the fields of law enforcement, transit desegregation, and changes in other public facilities.

The usefulness of the method, of course, lies in exposing doubtful officials to the reassuring counsel of a professional equal who has actually done the job. The difficulty lies in developing enough local interest and receptivity for the consultant's visit to be worthwhile. It is at this point that more staff effort is needed than the Council has yet been able to provide. The Council's role as an unpublicized middle-man is essential, for two reasons: most local officials are unfamiliar with qualified consultants; also they dare not risk the premature controversy that appropriation of public funds for such a purpose might arouse.

The extent to which this technique can be useful depends entirely on successful prior cultivation of the community leaders in question. The Council needs aid to enlarge its field work for this purpose, and to bear the cost of the services requested.

2. *Visitation.* — This is an unsatisfactory term for the reverse of the consultant method — that is, giving key local officials the opportunity to visit other communities where facilities have been successfully desegregated. This alternative technique has several advantages: (a) It is more palatable to the official who is uneasy about the adverse consequences of bringing an "outsider" into the community to talk about desegregation; (b) it puts the local official into a *total* setting where the change in question is an accepted reality; (c) it stimulates the local pride — and thus the "consultant" performance — of leaders in the community visited; and (d) on a quite practical level, it eliminates the consultant fee.

The Council has had only a limited experience with this technique, principally in the field of law enforcement, but we feel it holds much promise. The demands on Council staff are approximately the same as those mentioned under "Consultation."

3. *Conferences.* — We hold no great brief for general-purpose conferences, in which the subject matter or the group itself is diffuse. However, the proposed effort might well call for occasional special-purpose conferences, in which the group is carefully selected, homogeneous in interest, and focused on specific questions of common concern. In most cases, conferences of this sort, whether of educators, police officials, or others, would require the presence of one or more specialists in the field under consideration.

The Council's recent conference experience has mainly involved religious leaders, organizational personnel, union leadership, and social scientists with special skills and interest in community and human relations.

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4. Preparation of Special Materials. — All phases of the proposed program need supporting materials especially prepared or assembled. There is, of course, much existing material on desegregation, including that prepared or distributed by the Council itself. Again, however, the job is to assemble what is available, supplementing it as necessary, in order to support the appeal to practicality and law and order discussed earlier. Examples:

(a) Materials illustrating the economic stake in compliance with law. There is a growing body of statements by influential Southerners on the danger to the economy of defiance and disorder. There is also documentation on damage to industrialization and marketing of school bonds, disruption of transit services, boycotts and counter-boycotts, loss of national conventions, waste of manpower, loss to the consumer market, and the like. What is needed is the preparation of special publications presenting these facts in persuasive fashion for use in conjunction with consultation, conferences, and in special mailings.

(b) Popular material on principles of police work with minority groups, prevention and handling of mob action. As the Clinton, Nashville, and Little Rock episodes demonstrate, the quality of police action is a vital factor in successful adjustment to desegregation. Southern police forces are generally untrained and inexperienced in the handling of intergroup tensions. Moreover, the police are unusually responsive to community opinion. Material of the kind here proposed could usefully be directed both at police officials and community leaders.

(c) Illustrative case material. In border cities (e.g., Baltimore, Louisville, St. Louis) the factors that made for successful school desegregation have been carefully studied and described. The primary factors were educational planning, police procedures, and community preparation. Similar evaluation of the recent experiences in Nashville, Little Rock, and the three North Carolina cities is needed. In this way, other Southern cities can learn by concrete example both the positive and negative lessons of these early experiences. We should like, if possible, to commission specialists who would study the evidence and prepare the final reports.

(d) Finally, some of the articles appearing in periodicals are very effective as program material. (For example, see the enclosed items from the *New York Times* and the *Alabama Journal*, Montgomery, Alabama.) We should like to reprint and give selective distribution to the best of this material.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 22, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF

From: EFV

Re: 1958 Registration Law: Legislative Intent

I visited with Mrs. Phillip Schulhafer on the afternoon of Friday, July 18. She turned over to me the following materials for our use: a copy of the Georgia Constitution - see especially article #2 on p. 13ff; the Georgia Law's 1957 Session which sets up the election laws at a committee; a battered list of the members of the Election Laws Study Committee - this sheet should be copied; several communications from the League of Women Voters either to their local League Presidents or the local legislators with comments and summaries regarding the voters registration act; a copy of the Voters Registration Act and all amendments through 1957; a copy of the proposed legislation for voters' registration by the Election Law Study Committee; the official minutes of the Election Laws Study Committee - it is possible that some of these minutes are missing and some meetings of the committee were executive sessions with no minutes being reported; a copy of the act, House Bill #718 as it passed the House; a copy of the Georgia Voter, dealing with the registration law, and some handwritten - in pencil - comments on the Georgia registration law which were intended to be a statement by the League of Women Voters of Georgia to a public hearing of the Election Law Committee - as I understand it, this meeting never took place, but some of the thoughts that went into the proposed statement perhaps highlight some of the difficulties in the Bill itself. The typed script on yellow pages is also in the nature of a statement or comment on the proposed legislation. Some of these items which have either been mimeographed or printed have written on them"keep"; this means that SRC can have them for its own uses. The rest of the material is due to be sent back to Mrs. Schulhafer. I have had no opportunity to read through this material. My guess is that it is useful background. But I doubt that it sheds a great deal of light on the specific problem of intent. The official minutes of the Election Law Committee, however, should be looked at, even though it is my understanding that they have been cleaned up and bear fairly little resemblance to the sessions that actually took place. Also included in these materials is a packet on newspaper clippings. These should be kept together and returned to Mrs. Schulhafer. I have not had a chance to look throught them and do not know whether they include some materials which did not make their way into our files or not. I think looking through them would be worthwhile. There is also a folder marked "Legislative Intent, Georgia Registration Law", which contains some rough notes that I have used in the process of pulling together some of this information.

Harold, you will recall my request to use a good bit of circumspection in mentioning the force of the informal comments which I will lay out in a moment. These comments come from Mrs. Schulhafer, based on her rough, informal notes of the Election Laws Committee sessions. These are her recollection - I would say reasonably accurate since much of that experience was quite vivid for her - as she looked at the notes which she made back in June of 1957.

From Mrs. Schulhafer:

Preceding the June 20, 1957 meeting of the committee, in the committee room Rep. Orr remarked that it was important for them to set up as many administrative steps as possible in the new registration law so that the whole process could be slowed down. The idea was to make the exhaustion of an administrative remedy so exhausting that no one ever reached the point where they were ready to file a case in court. Mr. Stevens, the ordinary from Bibb County, asked a question as to the relative effectiveness of the literacy test vs. an understanding of the Consitution test. Mr. Geer, the layman member of the committee from Colquit, was also interested in this line of thought asking, "Would it stop 'em any quicker?" Senator Jim Peters remarked that, "We're making it too easy. My way we would get a look at 'em every two years." This last remark referring primarily to whether or not to have a permanent registration or to have a two or four year limit. In referring to the 1949 Re-registration Act, the comment was made that, "It was supposed to have done something and didn't do it." To this remark, Mr. Geer responded that the failure was due to the fact that there were organizations who tutor folks, and therefore the Act did not really succeed. These remarks bear out two contentions that stick out in Mrs. Schulhafer's mind: (1) that the whole weight of the committee's proceedings was to see how difficult a bill they could draw - how much the registration process could be hampered; (2) and that the main group in the population which was to be "hampered" was the Negroes - although some care was exercised not to make use of any racial identifying terms.

Attorney General Cook warned the group that there was much more involved in the impending civil rights legislation than just the matter of voting rights. He expressed the desire to see the civil rights bill filibustered out of the United States. Mr. Geer indicated that they should hold off on some of the sections dealing with registration until "we see what they are going to do in the civil rights bill in Washington.

Dr. Albert Seay from the University of Georgia testified as an expert witness as did a Mrs. Shadgett who is the assistant for someone else who was unable to attend. The weight of their testimony was along the line of educational qualifications for voters. They made comparisons to the New York law where a school certificate is required. They suggested that a seventh or eighth grade certificate requirement should be suitable. Seay indicated that he thought the questions in the 1949 law were too easy and that the number of questions to be answered should have been upped from ten to twenty out of thirty. One of the committee participants responded that educational certificates wouldn't work since teachers of "certain groups" would certify anyone. Someone else, probably Rep. Orr, indicated he did not like the thirty questions. Mr. Burton said, "When you have an enlightened electorate you have a restricted electorate." A Mr. Phelps was called in as an expert witness on the proper form for a registration card. He caused the committee some upset since he was operating on the assumption that a good registration law attempts to be as inclusive as possible and make the process such that citizens do in fact become registered voters. He was even brazen enough to suggest the novel idea that a large registration was the best guarantee against bloc voting.

There was a discussion in the committee as to the removal of registrars and it was felt that the superior court judges should have the right of removal without cause because if the civil rights bill passed, no one would be willing to serve if he could be compelled to witness as an official. So there needed to be the "guarantee" of discharge. During this debate an earlier Georgia case involving a local registration official was brought to mind. In that case, the man involved attempted to get out from under his official duties but the law was not sufficiently permissive.

At about this point in the conversation, Mr. Geersaid, "Yeah, and we kept them from voting with the FBIs sitting right in the room." (This is a recollection, but the observer is fairly certain that the language is nearly exact.)

The first meeting, after some attack on the proceedings and purposes of the committee which had been made in the newspapers, it is reported that the whole committee was greatly chastened. Everyone was so nice and the atmosphere of decorum prevailed. There were many protestations that their purpose was merely to strengthen the laws, to strengthen them for all alike, etc., etc. - there was no discriminatory intent or no attempt to hamper the registration process. But prior to this meeting, the committee had become fairly lax and were being increasingly frank in what they were doing in spite of the presence of observers. The change in the meeting following the newspaper attacks was so great as to cause the observer to laugh at the great conversion which had taken place.

At one point the committee sat around thinking up the hardest questions they could think of. One member said, "I have a good one." Fortson said, "What is it?" And the reply was, "What are the qualifications for a member of a grand jury?" Fortson responded that this wasn't too good since he didn't think he knew what the qualifications were. The answer to this response was, "Well, I'm not asking you."

Our observers's recollection of the Bill is that it makes no provision for the answers or any provision that the registrars will have the answers. Such a procedure is permissive, but evidently not required, and there is no guarantee that the registrars would even know the answers. Also in the old law a voter could be challenged by a voter; in the new law, a potential registrant can be challenged by a voter at the time of registration. In other words, any single voter's objection can stop the process. (Note from EV: this certainly re-emphasizes the need for observers of the registration process. How is the Fellowship of the Concerned project coming along? I wonder if there isn't some way to underwrite some such project so that it will be more likely to come off. Of course it's a bit late for Georgia, but the problem persists in the rest of the states.)

If someone is challenged, you have to swear as to who you are and also state your father's name. Of course you are required to answer all questions on the registration card which includes a stating of the father's name. EV doesn't know how standard this question is for voter qualifications, but this seems one way to re-introduce the legitimacy of birth qualification for voting. Of course there is no specific indication in the law whether or not disqualification results from an improper filling out of the registration form if the failure to be able to supply the name is indeed classified as improper.

The law does not really provide for obtaining a copy of the questions and certainly not the answers. The Election Law Committee said that you could go to the registrar's office and ask to see the law and then make a copy of the questions. The League observer thought this was rather a ridiculous requirement for a person whom we assume is an illiterate in the first place. Of course this problem obtains under any circumstances of securing the questions.

Margaret McDougald attended some of these sessions and was equally outraged by the proceedings. Also there was another and newer League member who attended who is the wife of an Emory med school faculty person.

Our observer indicates that the following persons were deferred to throughout the procedures: Number one on this list was Jim Peters. Number two was Mr. Geer; and number three was Rep. Orr.

During the whole of the procedures there was no demurrer by anyone to anything restrictive except that Rep. Overby raised some question about the proposal foraa registration fee, indicating that he thought the public would consider it a poll tax and react unfavorably.

The weight of the whole endeavor was to make the law as difficult and discouraging as possible.

I am sorry not to give you a summary of this; I think it really can be done quite briefly for Mr. Putzel's purposes. And I am not certain that there is enough else to be gotten from the stack of League materials to warrant anyone else's going through them before my return. However, I would be happy not to have to face that task when I come back if someone else has the time.

EFV:ls

July 22, 1958

Office of the Attorney General
State of California
Sacramento, California

Gentlemen:

In early May the New York Times carried a story mentioning that your office was distributing copies of a fifty-four page pamphlet, "Guide to Community Relations for Peace Officers." We would like very much to have a copy of this publication and would appreciate your sending one copy to the above address. Bill the Southern Regional Council for the charges.

Thank you for your attention to this order.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 23, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
WHAS, Inc.
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Miss Ruthenburg:

Thank you for your letter of July 21 regarding the booklet, INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH.

Mr. Via is on vacation at this time, but in his absence we are happy to mail copies of this work to the persons whose names and addresses you included in your letter.

Your letter will be called to Mr. Via's attention upon his return to the office.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Via

July 23, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Griswold:

Thank you for your letter of July 21. Mr. Via is on vacation, but your letter will be called to his attention upon his return to the office.

We are mailing, under separate cover, twelve copies of INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH which you requested. We are also happy to mail copies of this booklet to the persons whose names and addresses you included in your letter.

If we can be of further help, please feel free to call on us.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Via

July 23, 1958

The Quill
35 E. Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

Please forward one (1) copy of the July, 1958, issue of **The Quill** to me at the above address. Bill the Southern Regional Council for the cost.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

July 23, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life Commission of the
  Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 21. Mr. Via is on vacation at this time and will not return to the office until August 4. Your letter will be called to his attention at this time.

I assume that the booklet you requested copies of is INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH. In Mr. Via's absence we are happy to send you forty (40) copies of this work for distribution as you see fit.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Via

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

July 23, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: JC

From: FBR

Re: Materials to be sent to Mr. Harold Lunger

Please send sixty (60) copies of each of the following items to:

Dr. Harold L. Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Department of Christian Ethics
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

(a) Resistance Groups

(b) Human Relations Agencies

(c) Journal and Guide reprint

(d) Popham's New York Times "Think" piece

Please bill him for the resistance groups and the human relations agencies at 5¢ each, plus postage.

July 23, 1958

Mr. Harold L. Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Department of Christian Ethics
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

Thanks for your letter of July 21. I have caused to be sent to you this day sixty copies of the studies on resistance groups and human relations agencies. Our information department will bill you for them.

I have asked the Anti-Defamation League to send you sixty copies of "The South Speaks Out For Law and Order", which is a roundup of southern press opinion. I think your workshop participants will find it useful. I am also sending you sixty copies of an article on the origins of the Southern Regional Council. This will be included with the packet containing the resistance groups and human relations studies.

We are happy to cooperate with you because we believe the work you are doing is so important.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I have finished reading The Southern Heritage - this time all the way through! - and I hasten to write my congratulations on your great achievement. Your approach to this whole question, so far as I know, has no precedent. I really think that it will give many Southerners, if they read it, a completely different and constructive way of thinking about the so-called race problem. What comes through, it seems to me, is the idea that one need not be alienated from hearth and home and the best in our heritage in order to favor the acceptance of fellow human beings as friends and equals. At least, this comes through most persuasively to me. If this is not a central theme of the book, you will have to accept Knopf editors' charge of ambiguity.

I have asked C. Vann Woodward if he will review the book for New South. If he turns us down, we will try to get somebody of equal stature and insight.

If you can influence the publisher in his distribution of advance copies, may I suggest that one be sent to Mr. Jack Greenberg, 577 Grand Street, Apartment 707, New York 2, New York.

Greenberg is writing a mammoth treatise to be published by Columbia University on race relations and the law; I think he would quote from the book to good advantage as well as include it in his bibliography. Otherwise, I am sure the publisher will have thought of such Southern notables as Ralph McGill and Harry Ashmore. It also occurs to me that, in addition to such copies as you may send the Fund for the Republic, you might want to send complimentary copies to the two persons no longer at the Fund who were mainly responsible for the aid which the Fund provided. They are:

(1) David Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

and

(2) Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

It was good to see you and Mrs. Dabbs at Fisk. Alice Spearman wrote us that you provided her transportation there, and you will shortly be receiving a check for the roundtrip mileage of your trip. We like to think of this as facilitating the presence of you and Mrs. Dabbs as well as Alice at the Institute.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 24, 1958

Mr. John B. Morris
P. O. Box 806
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Morris:

Many thanks for the copy of your letter to Bob Baker and of your excellent piece in the News and Courier. The latter was about as effective a piece of interpretation as I have seen. I hope you will continue to take up the pen when the spirit moves.

As to the Timmerman correspondence, I am glad that you gave this whole matter such careful judgment. If you should get a reply from the Judge I would appreciate your sharing it with me. Otherwise, I will look forward with interest to the anonymous treatment that Bob Baker will give to the correspondence.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 24, 1958

Mr. Harry L. Alston
Program Coordinator
United Packinghouse Workers of America
AFL - CIO
1800 Transportation Building
608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Harry:

It's good to hear from you in your new position. I was sorry you got away without my having a chance to extend personal good wishes to you in your new duties.

I am sending you separately some of the Council's publications which you might find helpful as background on Southern conditions. I am also adding your name to our complimentary mailing list for New South and other occasional materials.

Enclosed with this letter are minutes of the last two Southern Interagency meetings, as well as a directory of organizations participating. It would be fine indeed if we could look forward to return visits from you at future conferences. I will see that you receive notice of them.

Call on us anytime we can be of any help to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
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July 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman
745 Sumter Street
Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Enclosed herewith is our check for $4.25. This is in payment for expenses incurred by you in attending the State Staff Conference at Fisk.

We are mailing Mr. Dabbs a check for the mileage he rolled-up in driving there.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: check for $4.25

July 24, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Alice Spearman turned in to us the mileage you rolled-up in toting her to the State Staff Conference at Fisk. Enclosed is our check for $84.40; it is at the rate of eight cents (8¢) per mile.

It was worth far more than this to us to have you and Mrs. Dabbs with us at the conference.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: check for $84.40

July 24, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Enclosed is our check for $51.03. This is in payment for travel expenses incurred by you in attending the State Staff Conference at Fisk.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: check for $51.03

July 24, 1958

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Perry:

We are in receipt of your accounting of expenses incurred by the participants of the State Staff at the Fisk Institute of Race Relations. The total amount listed is $154.50.

Miss Marge Manderson attended the first week of the conference and inadvertently paid the regular cost of $40.00 rather than the $20.00 she was supposed to pay.

We would like to send you a check for $134.50 to settle up this account. This would reduce her payment for participation in the first week to $20.00. If this is agreeable with you, please let me know and a check will be forthcoming.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

P. S.
Miss Manderson is Reaearch Assistant for the Southern Regional Council.

July 24, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams
Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is our check for $120.18. This is in payment for travel expenses incurred by you in attending the State Staff Conference at Fisk.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: check for $120.18

July 24, 1958

Mrs. James Crate, Chairman
Texas Council on Human Relations
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I have returned from an extended absence from the office. I have read your two welcome letters of recent date and the enclosed portion of the report on the difficulties involved in the Dallas operation. Harold and I have discussed this with C. H. Parrish, and all of us regret very much the various failures of communication that plagued our efforts to work together in Dallas. I am sure the fault was partly ours.

If the Texas Council should devise a project or program that would fall within the scope of SRC's current plan of assistance to state groups, I hope you will feel free to submit it to us in detail for consideration by our staff and executive committee. Meanwhile, we stand ready to provide any program assistance or cooperation that might help the Texas Council carry on its work effectively. For our part, we will be sharing with you such information about Texas as comes our way.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Edwin G. Kloppe

July 24, 1958

Mr. Harold C. Goodrum
Promotion Director
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Goodrum:

Thank you for your letter of July 18, and the additional information concerning "Facts On Film." However, the brochure you mentioned in your letter has not been received; and we are still uncertain as to the type of equipment necessary for viewing and copying the micro-film.

Could you please let me know what type of machinery you use there for viewing and copying, and suggest proper equipment for our purposes should we decide to subscribe?

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Thank you for your good letter in regard to our meeting at the Race Relations Institute. I am sorry we had so little opportunity to discuss specific state programs, but I hope we can remedy that.

C. H. Parrish is on the job starting this week, and I have shared your letter with him. He will be in touch with you - if he has not been already - about the best time for him to pay a visit to Columbia. I need not tell you that we want to do everything we can to assist the South Carolina Council in developing and carrying on effective program.

As to your expenses, a check should be sent to you presently. Since Mr. Dabbs provided the transportation, we are sending him a check for his mileage from Mayesville, round-trip, at our standard rate of eight cents (.08) per mile. I hope this is how you want it handled. The remaining amount for your own out-of-pocket expenses will be reimbursed to you shortly.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your letter and the suggestion about extra copies of The Interracial Review. I will write George Hunton today and make that proposal to him. I am not optimistic that this will yield many copies, since the total printing of The Interracial Review is quite small. But any results will be net gain.

I am looking forward to seeing you again at the August meeting of the Executive Committee

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Miss Anne Perkins
Religious Book Department
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Perkins:

Thank you for your letter concerning the impending publication of Martin Luther King's book. I shall be very happy to have either galley proofs or an advance copy of the book and will read it with interest. Certainly we will help in any way we can to encourage a wide readership in the South. We can give it some notice in our monthly publication, and can urge our associated state councils on human relations to make it known to their members and friends. In addition, I will be glad to suggest the names of a few strategic persons in the South who might profitably be sent advance copies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Air Mail

Blind copy sent to Mr Dabbs

July 24, 1958

Mr. Harding Lemay
Publicity Director
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Lemay:

Many thanks for the advance copy of The Southern Heritage by James M. Dabbs. Needless to say, since Mr. Dabbs is the president of our organization, we are extremely proud of the book and eager to do whatever we can to promote its readership. Apart from this, however, let me say that I think the book is a uniquely rich and rewarding approach to the South's peculiar problems. For many Southerners who have been confused and beset by inner conflict, the book will offer a new and refreshing way of reconciling the claims of region, nation and religion.

We plan to publish a review of the book as soon as possible in our monthly publication, New South, and we will call it to the attention of as large a group as possible through all of our organizational channels.

If you should plan to prepare a promotion leaflet on the book, I hope you will let us know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mrs. L. C. Vereen
Treasurer
Woman's Society of Christian Service
North Carolina Conference
The Methodist Church
1210 Broad Street
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Vereen:

This is to acknowledge with our warmest thanks your contribution of $25.00 from the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the North Carolina Conference. The Methodist women of the South have always been a mainstay of the constructive movement which the Southern Regional Council represents, and we appreciate your tangible evidence of support more than I can ever say.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mr. C. H. Yarrow
Rights of Conscience Program
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mike:

Thanks very much for sharing with me your correspondence with Rowland Watts. There is some evidence that the ACLU is beginning to move with some purpose on these problems, and I am sure it is due in considerable part to your constructive influence.

I read the incidental news of your change of positions with considerable regret. I am sure Des Moines will be enriched by your presence there, but we will feel a real loss in your leaving the Philadelphia office.

You have my very best wishes for all success and satisfaction in your new efforts.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mr. Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thanks for your thoughtful letter about our meeting at the Fisk Institute. Your expense check is being processed and should be mailed to you shortly.

I am glad you felt that the sessions in Nashville were helpful to you in thinking through some of the Arkansas Council's approaches. I have every conviction that you and the Arkansas Council are growing steadily in insight and effectiveness and will play an important role in the ultimate resolution of the difficulties there. I will be thinking about you next Sunday when (hopefully) I watch the television program "Outlook," which is to feature the gubernatorial campaign.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

VIA AIR MAIL

July 24, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

This is a note of explanation that might possibly be needed. Since I saw you last, I have thrown several strong suggestions to Nat Griswold and Bert Cartwright that they should key you in closely on the activities of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations. As always, there is the likelihood of over reaction. So, I hope you will be tolerant of any seemingly irrelevant or unrelated items that may come to you from Arkansas.

At this point, I might appropriately assure you that as time goes on you will get a full measure of reporting out of us too!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dean, Perkins School of Theology
Southern Methodist University
Dallas, Texas

Dear Dr. Cuninggim:

Thanks so much for your welcome note. We will make a selective distribution of the Perkins Journal, and will be reprinting your article in an early issue of New South, copies of which will be sent you at that time.

I, too, have been hoping for some time for an opportunity to visit with you. But since I assumed the directorship of the Council, I have been terribly desk-bound with paper work - and New York-bound with fund-raising. Soon, though, I hope to get a chance to get about more within the South. When I do plan a trip to Dallas you can be sure that I will write you ahead for an appointment. If this does not happen before November, I very much hope that we will meet in Atlanta at the SRC's Annual Meeting.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 24, 1958

TO: John Constable

When I saw Katharine Taylor recently in New York, she expressed an interest in receiving various materials that we think important enough to distribute. Will you see that she gets on your key list?

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TO: John Constable

I read that there is a revised edition of the book by Simpson and Yinger, exact title I cannot recall. We have the first edition, and it might be worth our getting the revised one since this is widely used as a basic text and background on this whole field. If we get it, I would like a glance at it.

VIA AIR MAIL

July 24, 1958

Mr. David C. Walden
714 West California Street
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Walden:

Since we submitted our request to the Prynce Hopkins Charities Fund several months ago, I have had no further word. Since I do not want to seem importunate, I hesitate to write Dr. Hopkins about its status. It occurred to me that you might know about this and be willing to advise me informally whether or not our request is still under consideration. If you can, I will be grateful, but if you cannot, please do not go to any special trouble.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL July 24, 1958

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

I have talked to Marion Wright and he is delighted that you are interested in reprinting a condensation of his Greenville, South Carolina speech.

One request, if it is feasible. Should you have any extra copies of that issue which could be made available for use down here, the South Carolina Council on Human Relations could distribute them to good effect. The executive director is Mrs. Alice Spearman and the address is 1745 Sumter Street, Room 100, Columbia, South Carolina.

I realize, like us, you don't print large numbers of excess copies, and if my suggestion is impracticable, just ignore it.

Turning to another matter, I have received and read with great interest the material about the forthcoming meeting of the Interracial Councils to be held in Chicago. Unfortunately, this comes at our critical period - that is, on the eve of school opening time. With a number of communities under court order to desegregate, notably in Virginia, we will need to be ready for peak operation. Fred Routh is to be on the program in Chicago, and much as I would like to be there too, I am afraid I had better stay on the job down here. But Fred will represent for the entire SRC staff our high regard and admiration for the work of the Interracial Councils.

I am sorry that I cannot look forward to seeing you in Chicago, but I trust we will be together again in New York.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL

July 24, 1958

Mr. Frank Bane
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bane:

After talking with you today, it occurred to me that I had not given you the addresses and telephone numbers for the two persons whose names I suggested. In case you should want to communicate with them before your visit to Atlanta next week, here is the information:

Mr. Robert H. White
President
Southern Wood Preserving Co.
East Point, Georgia

Phone: POplar 7-0211

Mr. Elfred S. Papy
Res. - 40 Maddox Drive, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Phone: TRinity 6-7109

I will be looking forward to seeing you here next week.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

July 25, 1958

Miss Patricia Carbine
Department Editor
LOOK Magazine
488 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Carbine:

In July of last year the Council forwarded to you negatives and contact prints of some shots Jay Leviton took of our Executive Committee and staff meeting. There are now occasions when it would be convenient to have these if you have no further use for them.

If there remains a possibility that you will have need of them, of if turning them up proves to be a matter of difficulty, please ignore this request. If however, they can be returned without difficulty we would be grateful if you could do so at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

July 25, 1958

Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Executive Secretary, Division of
Christian Citizenship
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Father Walmsley:

Thank you for your recent letter asking me to fill out a questionnaire for the Division of Christian Citizenship. I have written more extensively than I intended, and for this I apologize. You may list my name as one of the consultants to the Division.

I have had the pleasure of working with the Rev. Cornelius Tarplee of our National Council. He is a skilled practitioner in the field of inter-group relations and has contributed immeasurably to our southern Inter-agency effort.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: guestionnaire

1. In this field, what are the critical pressures or tension-points as they appear in the summer of 1958?

The basic problem in intergroup relations in the South today is twofold: (1) the lack of recognition of the equal human dignity of all persons as children of God; and (2) the lack of understanding that a democratic society accords equal rights to all citizens.

White Southerners, as they view pending social change, are torn between loyalties, or what they consider to be loyalties to the Christian faith, the American creed, and the Southern way of life.

The substantial people of the South, who usually serve as opinion-molders and decision-makers, have all but abdicated their usual role to less responsible, more extreme elements during the current crisis.

If a just and lasting solution to our problems is to be found, they must assume their responsibilities and re-assert their leadership on the side of compliance with the law of the land.

2. What are the political and/or social dilemmas represented in these problems?

The dilemma facing the resistant South is perhaps best explained by what we at the Southern Regional Council call the "doctrine of hard choices". Granting that the average white Southerner, if he had his druthers, would like to see segregation continued, the question he must answer is, at what cost? The questions he must ultimately face-up to are these:

1) Do you insist on maintaining segregation at the cost of slowing down the industrial growth of your state?

2) Do you insist on maintaining segregation at the cost of being judged un-democratic by the rest of the nation and the rest of the world?

3) Do you insist on maintaining segregation at the cost of closing your public schools?

4) Do you insist on maintaining segregation at the cost of jeopardizing the foreign policy of the United States?

5) Do you insist on maintaining segregation at the cost of denying your Judaic-Christian traditions?

3. What are the moral issues facing the Church in regard to them?

The Church is caught, or feels it is caught, between what it knows to be right and fear of losing its following if it proclaims and acts upon this moral imperative.

It is tragic but true that the institutions of Caesar (the courts) have done more than the institution of God (the Church) to bring about the brotherhood of man. The practical problem facing the Church is how to implement on the local level the pronouncements made at the national or regional level.

4. Do you have suggestions concerning Church policy or program regarding these issues nationally? At the diocesan level? Locally?

In all of Protestantism no other Church is so well suited as the Episcopal to move ahead in this challenging area. Its heritage, its world-wide affiliation, its structure, and its Articles of Faith demand of it statesman-like Christian leadership at this time.

The Church must put its own house in order, if it is to be recognized as our Father's house. This means bringing integration from the diocesan level to the parish level: inclusive parish membership for any Episcopalian. The clergy, under the leadership of the Bishops, must bring to the parishioners a full awareness of the moral questions involved in discrimination and segregation. This would call for the following steps:

1) A conference of leading Episcopal businessmen, labor leaders, educators, and clergymen should be convened by the Presiding Bishop to discuss the moral imperatives of the Church in the current crisis.

2) A strong statement, in moral terms, from every Bishop to the Priests and parishioners of his diocese that the 1955 statement of the Church regarding desegration is morally binding on all Episcopalians. This statement should be read by every Priest to his congregation.

3) The clergy should be encouraged to participate in and give leadership to calm and responsible efforts to work out solutions to this problem.

4) Study-groups should be set up in each parish, on an integrated basis, to discuss what the local church can do to open lines of communication between the racial groups.

5) The Church should cooperate with other denominations in leading the way to Christian understanding of the problem and to acceptance of Christian responsibility in contributing to their solution.

Perhaps in this crisis the living church, if it acts promptly and wisely, will regain its position of moral leadership which it lost because of its unwillingness or inability in the past to focus on the great moral issues of the day.

FBR:ls

25 July 58

Dr. R.B. Atwood, President
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
Kentucky State College
Frankfort, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Atwood:

We are in receipt of your letter of July 22 which contained the Quarterly Financial Report for the Kentucky Council on Human Relations. It shows that the Council during this past quarter raised very little money. This of course is as dissapointing to us as it must be to you.

We are sending SRC's check for $750.00 for the coming quarter.

We read with interest your letter to John Hurt and hope that it will be possible for the Council and Mr. Hurt to get together.

With all good regards...

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s

cc:
Hugh Brimm
Dorcas Ruthenberg

encl: Check #4447 for $750.oo

July 25, 1958

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Here is the final installment of the materials in response to your request. Mainly the enclosures consist of copies of the minutes of most, if not all of the meetings of the Election Laws Study Committee. Most of them are very non-committal summaries that give little indication of the motives prompting the members of the Committee. But one or two - notably the minutes of the meeting of August 15, 1957 - touch on the discriminatory intent of the Committee's work.

In any case, you and your associates will be able to determine whether any of this material is germane to your purpose. Since these documents were lent to us by others and must be returned reasonably soon, I will appreciate your sending them back to us as promptly as you conveniently can.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 25, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon (or should I say Mrs. Meskus?):

This is to say a warm word of appreciation for last week's conference, and to transmit my expenses for the two days, as follows:

Airplane fare	$113.19
Limousines & taxis	7.40
Hotel, two nights	39.90
Meals	2.35
Total	$162.84

I know you will let me know when and how I can be of any help to the follow-up of the conference.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 25, 1958

Mr. John Alexander
210 Hamilton Hall
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear John:

Thanks for your report of July 24 on your second excursion into the Arlington area. With you I regret that you weren't able to make contact with Kaul but this sort of thing is not unusual.

In your final paragraph you outlined four steps to meet the needs in Arlington. I think they are well-taken and I agree with each of them.

I think it would be helpful if you would talk further with John Hope in New York. He is at Bill Trent's home in New Rochelle and the phone number is New Rochelle 2-0116. You might discuss with him the possibilities of having the Chief of Police of Arlington visit the St. Louis police department which is greatly experienced in riot prevention and mob control. Expenses for such a trip could be taken care of. John will explain the details.

Enclosed is SRC's check for $108.61 in payment for your transportation expenses and two days' fee, July 20-21, 1958.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Enclosure: check for $108.61

July 25, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
108 West Thirty-Ninth Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

Many thanks for your letter (typed by hand) of July 23. Glad to hear that Harold gave you a lead on Don Shoemaker. Your trip to Nashville and going through their files sounds most interesting. Yes, we know that they are putting their files on microfilm and in all probability will purchase a set.

I am interested in your Drew Pearson-like closing paragraph - predictions of things to come.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 25, 1958

Dr. Herman Long
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Herm:

Many thanks for your letter of July 24 with the kinds words about my participation at the Fisk Institute.

Thanks for offering to take care of my expenses. This is a little hard to figure, for another organization paid my way from Atlanta, to New York, to Washington. So I guess the fairest thing to do is to charge the Institute with Washington, to Nashville, to Atlanta. I called Eastern and they quoted the price at $57.50. Enclosed is a voucher for my expenses.

Thanks for including a modest honorarium.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Enclosure: expense voucher

July 28, 1958

Mrs. J. W. Curry
163 S. Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

I have had a difficult time each year getting representatives from the Central Jurisdiction to the workshop. Your leaders for the most part as you know are teachers, so I am turning to you to make me a list of your professional women from each state. It might be well to give us two names, listing them as one and two, so if the first named one will not find it possible to attend, we may invite the other one.

One other request I have. So far we have had no one from the state of Mississippi to give us any information about registering of voters. I am sending you about thirty copies of our questionnaire, and if you will mail these out to your Mississippi societies, perhaps we will get some replies.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

July 28, 1958

Rev. Hubert Beckwith
Congregational Christian Church
of Fairfax County
P. O. Box 186
Annandale, Virginia

Dear Beck:

We have just received an excellent quarterly report from Jack. It is probably the best we have yet had from a state organization. Included with the quarterly report were (1) the required financial report, (2) minutes of meetings of the executive committee and board, (3) the report of the finance committee.

I am enclosing SRC's check for one thousand dollars ($1,000) which is the quarterly grant for the period of July 1-September 30, 1958. It was held until the quarterly report was received.

Paul Rilling is going to stop by our office tomorrow and we will yak long and hard, and I hope with purpose.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c. c. John Marion
Enclosure: check in amt. of $1,000.00.

July 28, 1958

Mrs. H. M. Perry
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Perry:

Many thanks for the adjusted statement on expenses incurred by State Staff personnel at the Fisk Institute of Race Relations.

Enclosed is our check #4448 in the amount of one hundred thirty-four dollars and fifty cents ($134.50) in payment of the statement.

Thank you for all your cooperation both during and after the Institute.

All good regards.

Sincerly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure: check #44448 in the amt. of $134.50.

July 28, 1958

Mrs. June W. Bray
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs Bray:

We have arranged for hotel reservations for Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed for August 27 through August 29 at the Atlantan Hotel. The Atlantan is in downtown Atlanta, moderately priced, and accustomed to handling foreign visitors. We have been assured by the management that Mr. Ahmed will receive every courtesy.

In all probability I will be able to meet Mr. Ahmed at the airport on his arrival. If not, the limousine will of course be able to direct Mr. Ahmed to his hotel.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

July 28, 1958

Mr. John Marion
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Your report on Virginia is superb. I feel that it gives one of the best interpretations of the situation in the old dominion that I have thus far seen. Congratulations on a job well done.

You know, I am sure, that you still hold our admiration, our respect, and our affection. Anything we can do in the way of cooperative action will please us. I hope it will be possible for us to keep in touch with each other, not only on an inter-agency basis, but in the arena that really counts-friendship.

The very best of everything in your new job.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 29, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First-Citizens Bank Building
Wilmington and Martin Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Holder:

Thank you for your letter of July 24 inviting Mr. Via to lead a class discussion during the week of the Institute at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Via is away on vacation at this time but we have contacted him by phone, and he asks me to assure you that he would be very happy to be with you for this meeting beginning at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday, August 14.

I am sure that you will hear further from Mr. Via upon his return to the office.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Via

July 29, 1958

Mr. Robert Thompson
Atlanta Urban League
239 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Thompson:

This letter is a follow-up to our telephone conversation of last Friday. I have discussed with Harold Fleming and Machion Garrison the matter of assigning Mr. Garrison to you for on-the-job training in the field of housing. As we see it, there are four areas of agreement that need to be spelled out:

(1) Mr. Garrison will work under your direct supervision in the field of housing for a period of six weeks - August 4th-September 12th inclusive. During the last two weeks in September, Mr. Garrison is to prepare an evaluation of his year as intern.

(2) The Southern Regional Council will continue to pay Mr. Garrison's salary during this period. Unfortunately, the funds for administrative overhead of this internship were exhausted by the Chicago Seminar and the Fisk Race Relations Institute.

(3) In the event that Mr. Garrison is offered and accepts regular employment during this period he will be released.

(4) You, Mr. Garrison, and I will periodically review the training experience - this at your convenience.

It is my belief that under your direction Mr. Garrison will get just about the finest training possible in the field of housing. Both he and we at SRC are grateful to you and the Atlanta Urban League for this opportunity.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold Fleming

From: Fred Routh

Re: Assignment of Intern to Atlanta Urban League for Orientation in Housing.

Mr. Thompson of the Atlanta Urban League stopped by the office this morning and we discussed the letter of agreement re: assigning Machion Garrison to his supervision for orientation in the field of housing for a six week period. We agreed the letter was satisfactory.

We discussed the scope and nature of the orientation program and agreed on the following:

(1) Relocation. Action research project securing information on persons applying for relocation to determine where they now live, place of employment, amount of income, and location of 221 housing acceptable to them.

(2) Public Housing. Acquaintance with history of public housing, its current status, and proposed plans for extension - with special emphasis on Atlanta.
   a. Meeting personnel in Public Housing in Atlanta
   b. Acquaintance with Urban Renewal plans in Atlanta

(3) Financing. Acquaintance with financing of FHA 203 and 221 housing and the various Public Housing Acts.

(4) Private Housing for Negroes. Acquaintance with private housing developments in Atlanta - existing, under construction, and planned.
   a. single unit
   b. multiple unit
   c. cooperatives

FBR:ls

July 29, 1958

Mr. Harry W. Ernst
Charleston Gazette
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ernst:

We wish to reprint your excellent article, "Press Meets Prejudice With Humor, Enlightened Coverage, and Backbone," in the July issue of Quill magazine. If we secure permission, the article will be reprinted in an early issue of New South, a copy of which is enclosed. We are also writing Quill for their permission.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec
Enclosure: New South, October 1957

July 29, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

On October 16-17, we will have a workshop for the leaders of women church groups of Alabama, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia; here at Clark College and I certainly do need your help.

I am sure you are aware of the fact that the South is griped with a fear psychosis, since the Supreme Court School decision. I have found it very prevalent as I work with the women of both races. We are asking if you would consent to speak to us on the afternoon of the 16th and give us something to strengthen us as we face these difficult days. Mr. James M. Dabbs, the president of Southern Regional Council, will also speak on this subject.

The women are very wonderful but they need some spiritual power to give them the courage of their convictions, and you will render a great service to us.

If you find you have these dates open, please let me know and as the time nears, you will receive another letter from me.

I hope you will find it possible to do this great service for the church women leaders of the South.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October issue of New South (1957)

July 29, 1958

Mr. Charles C. Clayton, Editor
The Quill
35 East Wacker Drive
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clayton:

We would like your permission to reprint the article, "Press Meets Prejudice With Humor, Enlightened Coverage, and Backbone" by Harry W. Ernst, in the July issue of Quill. We are also writing Mr. Ernst for his permission.

Enclosed is a copy of our magazine, New South, in which the article will be reprinted should you and Mr. Ernst grant us permission.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

JULY 29, 1958

AIR SPECIAL

MR. HARRY ASHMORE, EXECUTIVE EDITOR
ARKANSAS GAZETTE
LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

DEAR COLONEL:

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED A COPY OF A LETTER WRITTEN YOU BY GEORGE CULBERSON INVITING YOU TO BE THE BANQUET SPEAKER ON NOVEMBER 19 IN PITTSBURG.

NAIRO IS AN OLD AND WELL-ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATION. IT IS, IF YOU WILL EXCUSE THE EXPRESSION, THE AMA OF THE INTER-GROUP RELATIONS FIELD. I AM PRESENTLY ONE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS OF NAIRO.

I KNOW YOU ARE ONE OF AMERICA'S BUSIEST MEN, BUT I URGE YOU TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION IF IT IS AT ALL POSSIBLE. IT WOULD BE A REAL SERVICE TO THE MANY PROFESSIONALS WHO WORK IN THE VARIOUS HUMAN RELATIONS ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS THE NATION.

WE ARE ALL KEEPING OUR FINGERS CROSSED ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF TODAY'S EVENT IN ARKANSAS.

IF YOU COME TO PITTSBURG, I WILL PERSONALLY PROVIDE THE SUPPLIES FOR ELBOW-BENDING.

YOUR REBEL COUSIN,

FREDERICK B. ROUTH
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

FBR:ls

July 29, 1958

Mr. Philip M. Stern, Editor
NORTH VIRGINIA SUN
3409 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington 1, Virginia

Dear Phil:

I have written Southern School News asking them to enter a subscription in your name and bill you for it.

I'm pleased that you and John Alexander got together. Enclosed is the June issue of SSN. The article by Albright, which John mentioned, appears on page one.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. June issue Southern School News.

July 29, 1958

Mr. John Lassoe
Executive Secretary, NAIRO
152 West 42nd Street
Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

I think you will be interested in the enclosed correspondence. Garry has been interviewed for a position with the Atlanta Housing Authority. In the event this does not work out, there is the possibility of employment with the Urban League somewhere up North where there is a shortage of housing secretaries. For these reasons we thought it was in Garry's best interest to give him a good background in the field of housing. We have the full cooperation of the Atlanta Urban League in this proposal.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosures: c.c. of letter to Robert Thompson
memo to Harold Fleming

July 29, 1958

Miss Katherine D. Lumpkin
54 Prospect Street
Northampton, Massachusetts

Dear Miss Lumpkin:

Thanks so much for your kind letter and contribution to the Southern Regional Council. I am pleased that the information we sent you earlier proved helpful.

I shall see that you continue to receive New South and also such special reports as we may be issuing. Meanwhile, if you find yourself in need of any specific information that we may supply, don't hesitate to write me.

With all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 29, 1958

Mr. Lloyd K. Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Thank you so much for your kind letter - and for the opportunity to take part in the recent conference. I found it a very stimulating and rewarding occasion.

I haven't yet heard from Vernon Eagle, but when he writes I shall see that you receive a copy of my reply. Meanwhile, don't hesitate to call on me for any information or other assistance I can give you and your fellow Trustees.

It was a pleasure to meet and talk with you, and I shall look forward to the next time.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 29, 1958

Mr. James S. Best
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Best:

As I wrote one of your colleagues the other day, I shall be very happy to have an advance copy of Dr. King's forthcoming book. We plan to call the book to the attention of those on our mailing list through our publication, New South and through other organizational channels.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 29, 1958

Southern School News
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

Mr. Philip M. Stern, editor of the Northern Virginia Sun (3409 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington 1, Virginia) has expressed interest in getting Southern School News. Please enter a subscription in his name and bill him at the Arlington address just given.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 29, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Margaret Knight
Labor and Manpower Division
USRO/US Embassy
APO 230, Postmaster
New York, New York

Dear Miss Knight:

I am glad to have your letter and its news of the Kornbluhs and the Mitchells.

Enclosed is a biographical data sheet on George Mitchell which gives the formal background information in which you are interested. If you should need more detailed information about him, don't hesitate to call on us.

As you will see, George has an unusual and varied background. I should think he could make a most valuable contribution to the EPA program.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HFC:ls
enc. biographical data sheet on George S. Mitchell.

July 30, 1958

Mr. Warren R. Cochrane, General Secretary
Butler Street Young Men's Christian Association
22 Butler Street, Northeast
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Cochrane:

Many thanks for your invitation to address the Hungry Club on October 1st of this year. I will be glad to participate in your splendid series. I think you have made an excellent selection in Dr. Guy Johnson of the University of North Carolina as your opening speaker. Dr. Johnson is a man of great experience in the field of human relations and I am sure he will present an intriguing opening address.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

I met your president at Blue Ridge at the Ecumenical Conference, and she told me you are planning a workshop for September 10 and 11. So far I have not heard from you.

You know something about the funds that are available, but what about the program?

Please let me hear from you shortly about your plans and the help you will need from this office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **JOHN CONSTABLE**

7-30-58

Vacation -- August 18, through August 22, 1958.

July 30, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

First of all I wish to thank you for the poem you sent me. I shall certainly make good use of it.

I am glad you are making plans for district meetings. Are these the meetings for which you will need the two hundred dollars allotted to Alabama for meetings? What suggestions or help do you need from this office?

It may be possible for me to attend one of the sessions. It is such a joy to me to have you and Noreen in Alabama.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 30, 1958

Mrs. C. M. Hammond
200 Melbourne Avenue
Melbourne, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hammond:

Your check and note has been received. I hope you will find use of the material in the package sent to you. Much of it will aid in the study of North American Neighbors.

There is to be a workshop at Avon Park, Florida, bringing together the church women leaders of the various denominations and also the councils of United Church Women. You possibly have heard of this, if not I would suggest you write Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff, 4906 Adanson Street, Orlando, Florida, as you may want to attend.

I appreciate being with you in St. Louis. You were a good pal.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 30, 1958

Mr. Harry D. Baxter
Research Assistant
University of Virginia
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mr. Baxter:

Your letter to Dr. George S. Mitchell has been referred to me. Dr. Mitchell has retired and now lives in Scotland.

We are much impressed with your background, both academically and experience-wise. Unfortunately, we have no openings in the central staff at the present time. I would suggest you write John Lassoe, the Executive Secretary of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials. NAIRO maintains a list of professionals seeking positions and of openings with agencies. I only wish that we could make use of your services.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to write.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Dr. J. Rupert Picott, Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
Clay Street at Fourth
Richmond 19, Virginia

Dear Dr. Picott:

Thank you for the invitation to address the 71st annual convention of the Virginia Teachers Association on Thursday, October 30, 1958. I would appreciate, when the information is available, the exact time of day you have me scheduled.

I am afraid that our travel budget is already over-extended and unless I am in Richmond on Virginia Council business the VTA would have to bear my expenses.

Thank you for your kind words about my participation at the ATA convention in Daytona Beach.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis
Catholic Interracial Council
of Chicago
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

Nope, I haven't died, just been swamped with a variety of activities which have been time-consuming and attention-demanding.

I will be more than happy to discuss with Harry Golden the South today at lunch on Friday, August 29.

I am enclosing a vita sheet that contains, I suppose, the information you want.

I am also enclosing your form requesting a travel advance.

I apologise for my lack of communication. I look forward to being with you in Chicago.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encls. vita sheet, travel advance form

July 30, 1958

Mr. John Lassoe
Executive Secretary, NAIRO
152 West 42nd Street
Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

I will follow through on the Ruby Hurley request you made.

In haste,

Your rebel buddy,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Miss Susan Hunter
Art Department
Fortune Magazine
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Hunter:

Way back in January of this year we sent you some materials for Fortune magazine's project at the Brussels International Fair. At that time I said that we would appreciate any photographs which might be taken of the display.

This letter is to raise that request again. We are interested in what was actually used at the fair and what if any reactions you have had from those who saw it. We are still interested in any photographs which might have been taken. Also we are interested in any special articles which Fortune may have run about the fair.

Would you please take a few minutes out of your busy schedule to give me this information.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder, Secfetary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First-Citizens Bank Building
Wilmington and Martin Street
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Holder:

Thank you for your letter of July 29 requesting information about the availability of the film, "Face of the South". The Anti-Defamation League handles this film for us, and we have just been informed by their office that both copies of the film are already booked for the week of August 10.

I am very sorry that we are unable to obtain a copy of the film for your use in the Labor School.

Mr. Via is on vacation at this time but your letter will be called to his attention upon his return to the office on August 4th.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Via

July 30, 1958

Mr. Harold Lunger
Brite College of the Bible
Department of Christian Ethics
Texas Christian University
Fort Worth, Texas

Dear Harold:

Just a note to let you know that we are sending you sixty (60) copies of our publications list. This, along with the other materials we have sent, should adequately represent the Council in the ministers' packet.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

July 30, 1958

Mrs. Mary Berman
110 Second Avenue
New York 3, New York

Dear Mary:

How delightful it was to hear from you. It sounds as if the work you are doing is not only personally rewarding, but socially significant as well. This is a happy combination and one which too few people are privileged to enjoy.

I would not worry about those "friends" who would disapprove of your ignoring the color line. Your commitment to democratic practices is more important than the misunderstandings of fair-weather friends. I wholeheartedly approve of the work and am proud to call you friend. I think you, with your warm understanding personality, are a natural as housemother in a temporary shelter. I believe the work you are doing is a real contribution to the betterment of man.

I have been the Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council since I left Miami late in the summer of 1954. My particular responsibility is to coordinate the work of ten state organisations and serve as Director of the field activities of the Council. I am sending you separately our annual report so that you may know more about the work of the Council. Suffice it to say our chief activity at the present time is aimed at bringing about the peaceful desegregation of the public schools throughout the South, and to help create in our region a more just and democratic society.

Please keep in touch. I hate to lo~~o~~se old friends.

With all good wishes.

As Ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encls. annual report

July 30, 1958

AIR MAIL

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Project Director
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

Thank you for your letter of July 23 confirming the details of my participation in your seminar for foreign correspondents.

Your wording of the discussion topic on race relations is broad enough to encompass everything I will have to say - and leave a great deal uncovered for discussion. There might be some question about the words "in the United States". Working in the South as I do, I can't pretend to have expert or detailed familiarity with race relations in the rest of the country. Of course, I am acquainted in a general way with developments in the North and West, but I would deal with them only in passing as part of the context in which the South's problems must be viewed. I will leave to you the question of whether the wording should be revised accordingly.

I plan to arrive at the Allentown airport on Friday the 15th on Eastern Flight 38, due at 3:46 P. M. If convenient, I will leave Saturday on Flight 5 at 3:27 P. M.

I will look forward to hearing further from you and Dr. Witman.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

July 30, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Miss Margaret Fisher
National Committee Against
  Discrimination in Housing
35 West 32 Street
New York 1, New York

Dear Maggie:

We have seen TRENDS from time to time and would like very much to see it regularly - especially since you're now doing the honors. I thought the June-July issue was well done. We've entered you as an exchange.

We'll also be glad to give such help as we can under our correspondent system. You can direct queries to John Constable, director of information; he and our research assistant, Marge Manderson, will be alert for clippings or other information that might interest you. I must add, however, my doubt that we will turn up very much. Housing is not one of our major fields of activity, and I believe the most meaningful developments in that field are little publicized.

This leads me to suggest that you write Bob Thompson of the Atlanta Urban League. Bob is one of the ablest and best informed specialists in the "Negro" housing field. Though Atlanta is his area, he has studied the situation in other Southern cities for the Commission on Race and Housing. I spoke to him about your letter and he expressed willingness to be of service.

I'm glad you thought as highly as we did of the Wall

Street Journal piece on segregation costs. We reprinted it for wider distribution. If more copies would be of use to you, we have a fair number of the reprints still on hand.

More power to you in your important work.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

P. S.

Other useful Southern sources might be the Urban League in Jacksonville, Memphis, Little Rock, New Orleans, Louisville, Miami, Tampa, and Richmond.

HCF:ls

July 30, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Father Thomas J. Harte, C.Ss.R.
Associate Professor
The Catholic University of America
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Father Harte:

Thank you for your letter and the memorandum on the panel program on "Effective Race Relations - Its Ways and Means." I regret the delay in answering your letter but the press of things here in the South, as you might imagine, has been heavy; and knowing that the program was at the end of next month, I delayed answering it.

I am enclosing a hastily drawn statement on my concept of what the panel might deal with. It is far from complete, but I throw it into the hopper hoping that it may contribute to what others have written.

I would be happy to deal with one of two subjects: either "involving community leadership in race relations programs", or "community implementation of court decisions". I hope this is helpful.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Effective Race Relations - Its Ways and Means

Effective work in the field of race relations may best be accomplished within the framework of the Judaic-Christian tradition and the democratic philosophy. Simply, this means that, rather than special pleading or working for racial minorities, the work be directed at working with minority groups and majority group persons to bring about:

a) A fuller recognition of the equal human dignity of all persons as the children of God; and

b) a fuller recognition that a democratic society accords to all citizens equal rights, privileges, and responsibilities.

With this as a frame of reference certain steps to achieve such increased recognition - and practice growing out of it - seem logical.

1. Any successful approach must be based upon concern for the well being of all; it must include mutual trust and understanding.

2. Honest communication, on an equal-status basis, must be established, maintained and extended:
    a) through Interracial Councils or groups
    b) through the Church and religious organizations
    c) through existing organizations and channels
    d) through governmental agencies

3. Effort should be aimed at behavior patterns even more than at attitudes. While you cannot legislate morality you can legislate definitions of acceptable and non-acceptable behavior.

4. Organized religion must face-up to the moral imperatives in the current crisis.

5. Community leadership must assert itself in favor of compliance with religious teachings, constitutional guarantees, court decisions, legislative acts, etc.

6. National leadership needs to be activated in this most crucial domestic problem.

July 31, 1958

Honorable John A. Burns
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Burns:

The protestant women of this community will study North American Neighbors and of course Hawaii is included in the study. The next class I have will be August 18-22. We would very much like some factual material from you on Hawaii and also a copy of the bill before congress granting Statehood to Hawaii.

You may be assured that I am interested that Hawaii, like Alaska, will become a more definite part of our nation.

Any material you send us will be greatly appreciated.

With the best of wishes for the success of the Statehood bill and thanks to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 31, 1958

Honorable Antonio Fernos-Isern
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fernos-Isern:

This is a belated thanks of the women of the school at Berea, Kentucky, but we do want you to know that we very much appreciated the material you sent to us from Puerto Rico. The leaflet is the best material we had on your Commonwealth. The book of games we used also.

Altogether it was a delightful study, due in part to the help you gave to us.

Please accept our thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

July 31, 1958

Honorable E. L. Bartlett
House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bartlett:

This is a belated thanks for your help in the workshop we had in Berea, Kentucky. Our women were delighted that they had direct information from you about the Alaskan Statehood. Our regret was action was not taken by congress before our school was over.

I have met some of the women in other conferences and they are very happy, as all of us should be that Alaska is now an official State.

Please accept out thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

July 31, 1958

Dear Friend:

This is a reminder that the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be held at Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia, on October 16-17, registration beginning at 10:00 a.m. on the first day and ending after lunch on the 17th.

Your travel and entertainment will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council. In the meantime, please think of the problems that we should face and also think of possible solutions.

We have secured splendid help for this workshop, among them being Mrs. Margaret Bender an official observer of the United Nations for the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. She is now in Africa and will have a fresh message for us.

One of our prime needs is that we must consider the fears that have griped our South since the Supreme Court decision. Please think along this line.

We will need to know if you will be with us so that reservations may be made.

With best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter mailed to:

~~Mrs. J. M. Blackwell~~
Mrs. Robert Elly
Mrs. Robert C. Johnson
Mrs. J. Swanton Ivy
Mrs. J. W. Baldridge
Mrs. J. M. Cochran
Mrs. William J. Dunn, Sr.
Mrs. Frank McMillan
Mrs. J. W. Patrick, Jr.
Mrs. A. J. Best
Mrs. Sadie Burroughs
Mrs. Fred Muhleman
Mrs. J. K. Witherspoon
Mrs. W. G. Anderson
Mrs. Ray Gordon

July 31, 1958

Mrs. J. M. Blackwell
Valleydale Road
Helena, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Blackwell:

Perhaps you are familiar with the Fellowship of the Concerned, if not please read the attached memorandum.

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins has suggested you to be a representative of your denomination when the workshop is held October 16-17.

I hopw you will find it possible to be with us. I suggest you put a ring around these dates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 31, 1958

Mr. John M. Brooks
NAACP Registration Director
404½ North Second Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooks:

Thank you for your letter of July 22 and the Workshop Manual enclosed.

I am sending you herewith the several reports growing out of our 1956 survey of the Negro voter in the South. Also enclosed are several newspaper articles and other documents which serve, in part, to update our findings. A good many of the state consultants for our survey presented their findings and observations in some detail in the 1957 summer yearbook issue of the Journal of Negro Education, which you no doubt have.

I was most impressed by the thorough and effective guidance which your manual gives to community leadership promoting voter registration.

We will be doing further fact-finding in the field of suffrage during the months to come, and I will share our findings with you. We will appreciate any information you may send to us as your important work progresses.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls.
c.c. Mrs. Ruby Hurley

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls.
c.c. Mrs. Ruby Hurley (without encls.)

July 31, 1958

Mr. Marion Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls
North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your two recent communications. I am returning herewith the heart-warming telegram from Senator Douglas and the bracing exchange of correspondence between you and R. B. Herbert. You had all the best of it - so much so that I found myself feeling a trifle sorry for the vulnerable Mr. Herbert.

Fred and I will look forward to dinner with you on Monday, August 11.

Your suggestion for New South confirms the old saw about great minds running in the same channels. A short time ago, it struck me forcibly that we are remiss in not posting our readers on the stream of useful literature in this field. Marge Manderson, I discovered, had arrived independently at the same conclusion. She and John Constable have devised a plan for regular descriptive listings of such literature in New South. Your detailed suggestions should be of great help in perfecting this procedure.

Have you seen a copy of Mr. Dabbs' book yet? I think it may make something of a splash.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls.

July 31, 1958

Mrs. Herman Heyman
1271 Oxford Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Heyman:

You are familiar with our workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned. This is to let you know this year's workshop will be at Clark College, October 16-17. Please put a ring around these dates and plan to be with us.

I would certainly appreciate it if you would give me a list of Temple Sisterhood and Council of Jewish Women leaders of as many southern states as possible. Please include in this the official representatives of both of these organizations from Atlanta. Heretofore, at times during the workshop, different members of these organizations would drop in. While this is permissable, we certainly need at least one representative to be there from the beginning to the end. I would appreciate if we could get the names of the official delegates so they might have information about the workshop.

I hope this fall, to be able to attend the United Nations Council of Atlanta. On Wednesday, October 15, one of the official Methodist Observers of United Nations is to speak at my church at a dinner meeting. I certainly want you to be present then. I will give you further information later on. This representative, Mrs. Margaret Bender, will also be with us in the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned.

I miss seeing you as we did in days past. With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

July 31, 1958

Mr. A. E. Cox
Delta Foundation, Inc.
933 Chambliss Road
Memphis 16, Tennessee

Dear Gene:

I find I haven't returned to you the enclosed clippings you were good enough to share with us. Many thanks.

I'm delighted to learn that the AFSC has given Hazel Smith additional, and substantial, assistance.

Come see us.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. clippings

SRC Newsletter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 63 Auburn, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

SENT TO ALL STATE DIRECTORS

JULY 1958

This is the first of what we intend to be a regular and frequent Newsletter oriented to the staffs of the state organizations. First, let it be noted for the record, it was good to be with each of you at the recent State Staff Conference at Fisk. This has become an annual affair and the recent meeting was the fourth one held. You will recall an earlier conference at Fisk, one at Camp New Hope, North Carolina, and one at Atlanta University.

As we see it, SRC staff members agreed at the Fisk conference to:

1. Re-institute a regular and frequent Newsletter for the staffs of the various state organizations, but drop the old format which went to state Boards;
2. Seek to promote the financial interests of the state organizations wherever and whenever possible;
3. Continue to hold annual state staff meetings;
4. Supply new financial-reporting form for quarterly reports;
5. Continue to make available the SRC Consultant Service Program;
6. Continue to supply materials and resources to the state organizations; and,
7. Invite one or two state staff members, on a rotating basis, to the Southern Interagency Conference meetings.

Also, as we see it, the state staff members agreed to:

1. Prompt quarterly reporting
   a. narrative report
   b financial report
2. Keeping the Central Office more closely advised of developments in their respective states.
3. Share clippings with the Central Office on all important events in our field of interest.
4. Cooperate, where possible, with state Civil Rights Commission.
5. Prepare a list of key people in the state:

a. friendly people

b. opinion-makers

c. decision-makers

d. opponents to desegregation

This list should contain a thumbnail sketch of each person listed.

6. With the advice of legal counsel, seek to obtain tax exempt status.

The subscription lists for NEW SOUTH have been completely revised and re-organized. We hope that this will straighten out past difficulties. We ask your indulgence in any temporary difficulties and trust that you will call to our attention any mistakes on our part.

The "Human Relations Bulletin", put out by Harry Jones, is an excellent way of keeping his constituency aware of the state organization. Each of you might give thought to doing a similar job in your state.

Let us know what will be helpful to you in the Newsletter and we will see that it gets included. Suggestions, criticisms, etc., etc. are all welcome. Let's keep in closer contact than we have in the past.

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August 1, 1958

Mr. Robert H. Horwitz
Assistant Professor
Civic Education Program
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Horwitz:

Thank you for your announcement of July 25th concerning the 1958 Supplement to Civic Education in the United States.

Please note one change in the information about the Southern Regional Council: The Council's current president is Mr. James M. Dabbs rather than Marion A. Wright who was president in 1957.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls
encl. 1958 Supplement

August 1, 1958

Mrs. Samuel Schroetter, Jr.
345 Madison Lane
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Schroetter:

John Hope, SRC's Chief Consultant, has told me that you are preparing some materials on mob control by law enforcement agencies.

He asked that I send you a copy of a memorandum I pulled together in 1955. I enclose it herewith.

It is my understanding that a copy of this particular memorandum which I enclose has been mailed to the Chief of Police by Dr. Frank Daniel.

You will note that we have used John Hope's return address. We thought it wise not to advertise that you are receiving materials from SRC.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encl. memo

August 1, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill, Editor
Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Here, enclosed, is the AP story from the Constitution on Billy Branham's invasion of Louisville in 1956. I can easily turn up more details if you need them.

On another subject, have you received a review copy of "The Southern Heritage" by James M. Dabbs (Knopf, August 18)? Quite apart from Dabbs being our current president, I think you'll find the book unusual and helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls. reprint of news article.

August 1, 1958

Mr. John Hope II
c/o Dr. William Trent
90 Coligni Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Dear John:

C. H., Harold, and I have discussed the proposed meeting of consultants next Thursday. Because of travel schedules I think we'd better set on Washington, probably the Willard Hotel.

When you have set the time and place please inform Paul Anthony and I will find out from him. Also, please inform Paul Rilling. You can probably best reach him by calling Dean Thomas Henderson at Virginia Union.

I raise the question but leave to your discretion about inviting Jack Marion to the meeting. We tend to feel it might confuse roles.

C. H. Will check into the Dupont Plaza in time for a Thursday morning beginning.

I have sent Mrs. Schroetter the memo. Vernon Eagle's address is:

120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

BLIND COPIES SENT TO:
Mr. Dabbs
Mr. Wright

August 1, 1958

Mr. Hallock Hoffman
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Hallock:

I am happy to learn from the press that the Mike Wallace interviews are to continue for a while. They aren't carried by our local outlet, but I read the transcripts avidly.

If the series isn't booked solid, I should like to suggest that you consider an interview with an articulate white Southerner who is fully committed to desegregation. This point of view rarely gets a fair and full hearing through the mass media. The candidates who come most readily to my mind are Marion A. Wright and James M. Dabbs, past president and current president, respectively, of SRC. Either of them would do a creditable job, I think, and would as a matter of course relate the segregation issue to the broader questions of individual freedom with which the series is concerned. The enclosed copy of a speech by Mr. Wright and the new book by Mr. Dabbs, which I'm sure you have, will serve as background.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. speech by Mr. Wright
c.c. Mr. Frank Kelly, Fund for the Republic

Returned manuscript

August 1, 1958

Mr. Marion Pearsall
Department of Rural Sociology
University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Pearsall:

Thank you for your letter of July 21, 1958, and your manuscript, "The Southern Myth." Pardon the delay in answering, but ordinarily we like to have several members of the staff read articles before final decision is made.

We find the article excellent in its treatment of the myth of "The Southern Way of Life" but we think the article is not quite suitable for the general type of audience that *New South* covers. I believe the article would be better suited for a professional publication. One suggestion as to a proper source is *Phylon*, Atlanta University, Atlanta 3, Georgia.

We do hope you will send us other material that you might have from time to time.

Again thanks, and best wishes at the University of Kentucky.

Sincerely,

JC:lec

John Constable
Director of Information

August 4, 1958

Mr. R. S. Maddox
Public Relations Staff
General Motors Corporation
1201 Rhodes-Haverty Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Maddox:

As discussed in our phone conversation earlier today, enclosed is a background sheet on Mr. Kenneth W. Fraser.

I am sure that your interest in Mr. Fraser will contribute substantially to the enjoyment and the value of his Atlanta trip.

During the course of Mr. Fraser's visit I will be in the office and will be happy to be of any possible assistance in relaying messages or otherwise getting Mr. Fraser in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

August 4, 1958

U. S. Department of Commerce
604 Volunteer Building
Atlanta, Georgia

ATTENTION: Mrs. Cawthorne

Dear Mrs. Cawthorne:

We are enclosing $ .25 in payment for the following publication which Mr. L. W. Dunbar ordered by phone:

> Current Population Reports, Population Characteristics
> Series P - 20. No. 82, July 21, 1958.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosure

August 4, 1958

Dr. Philip G. Davidson, President
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Davidson:

Since I was unable to see you before I left Louisville, there was no chance to tell you about the status of the research effort nor to find out from you the reaction of fund-granting agencies to our proposal. Perhaps this letter will serve to bring you up to date on my activities and at the same time provide you with additional ammunition in your request for funds.

As you may recall, the University Research Committee gave us $500 for (a) travel to New York, Chicago and St. Louis in order to confer with specialists about the project; (b) purchase of filing cabinet and other smaller items of office equipment; (c) clerical aid in the preparation of socio-economic indices. On the basis of a loose interpretation of "clerical aid", Mrs. Carol Dowell has been working at the Board of Education this summer. She has been copying on 4x6 cards the names of those in the upper 10% of their school on the basis of achievement tests. She plans later to find out what has happened to these youngsters. Proper follow-up will have to wait for necessary funds.

My job was to construct socio-economic indices for the school districts and to compute a five year level of scholastic achievement for each elementary school. Only the second part of this task has been completed. The first part is still in progress. However, there is clear evidence that the variation in achievement level among white elementary schools taken alone is consistent over the period 1948-1952. The range for six grade achievement is two and a half years (from 4.94 years to 7.44 years) and between a half-dozen schools at the top and a half-dozen at the bottom there is a clear gap in achievement without overlapping in a single year. One cannot help suspect that the teaching problems in these contrasting situations are sufficiently different to be taken into account in teacher preparation.

The Southern Regional Council recently got a grant from the Rockefeller Brothers Fund for the purpose of organising materials that will redefine the desegregation issue in such terms as will appeal particularly to industrial leaders and other decision-makers in the southern region. By fortunate coincidence my major job for SRC this summer is to explore the thesis that city school systems are under stress these days because of the necessity of absorbing new populations and of meeting the educational needs of a heterogeneous community. The issue of desegregation is thus merely part of a larger problem. In following through on this assignment, I expect to interview a few school superintendents in key cities but for the most part my time will be spent in running down pertinent references. This should give us a head start in case a sizable grant is secured for our research project.

My address for the rest of the summer is 63 Auburn Avenue, N. E., Atlanta, c/o Southern Regional Council. You have my best wishes for a pleasant vacation.

Very truly yours,

C. H. Parrish

CHP:ls

August 5, 1958

Mr. Charles K. LeVine, Director
National Mental Health Center
East Montview Blvd. at Trenton Street
Denver 8, Colorado

Dear Mr. LeVine:

Mr. John Hope has asked that we send you Mr. Vernon Eagle's address. It is:

New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

August 5, 1958

Mr. Harry L. Alston
Program Coordinator, UPWA
1800 Transportation Building
608 South Dearborn Street
Chicago 5, Illinois

Dear Harry:

I'm sending you separately three sample copies of our pamphlet "The Negro Voter in the South." It is available in quantities of fifty or more at 20¢ per copy.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

August 5, 1958

Mr. Harry C. Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Harry:

We've made considerable progress on the planning of materials for Operation Law and Order, but we haven't yet turned up the right man for project director. I've made the need known to a number of well connected friends and have acquired a goodly list of possible candidates. No luck with those I have approached so far, but I still have quite a few to go. So there's no cause for despair - just the problem of time for proper recruitment.

You will be interested to know that we are following through, full-throttle, on the Virginia consultant operation discussed at the last Southern interagency meeting. So far as any voluntary organization can help in that situation, I think we are helping.

You'll be hearing from us further in the near future. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

August 5, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This is in hasty reply to your letter of July 31.

I should think that, by all means, you would want to have a copy of The Southern Heritage sent to Mr. Hutchins as president of the Fund for the Republic. Also, I need hardly say that we are eager to do everything we properly can to get the book more widely known and read. All of us are calling it to the attention of every audience we reach. Don't be bashful about passing along any ideas that occur to you or to Mr. Lemay.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Executive Committee meeting next Tuesday. You may recall that Dr. Clement is out of the country, which means that it will fall to you to chair the meeting. I am enclosing a copy of the tentative agenda.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. draft agenda

August 5, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

Mrs. Tilly wishes me to convey to you her appreciation and thanks for your most gracious letter, which she received a few days ago.

She will probably be out of the office all of the week, because of illness, but will write you as soon as she is back in the office.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

/c

August 5, 1958

Mr. Harry W. Ernst
The Charleston Gazette
Charleston 30, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Thank you for your letter and permission to reprint your Quill article. I have also received a letter from Mr. Charles C. Clayton with Quill's permission.

Pursuant to your request, I have put you on our mailing list for our monthly publication and for special reports we occasionally put together.

I of course, will send you some copies of the issue in which your article appears.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lcc

August 5, 1958

Mr. James E. Stewart
Oklahoma Natural Gas Company
Post Office Box 1620
Oklahoma City 1, Oklahoma

Dear Jimmy:

Thank you for the recent note and the clipping which is most interesting.

How are things going with you these days? When are you coming East again to see us?

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee

August 5, 1958

Mr. Charles C. Clayton, Editor
The Quill
35 East Wacker Drive
Chicago 1, Illinois

Dear Mr. Clayton:

Thank you for your letter and permission to reprint Harry Ernst's article from Quill. We of course, will credit Quill as the original source, and I shall send you several copies of the magazine.

I have taken the liberty of putting you on our mailing list for our publication and special reports.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Same letter sent to persons on attached list.

August 6, 1958

Mrs. Nellie C. Davis
304½ Reynolds Street
Evergreen, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Davis:

Perhaps you are familiar with the Fellowship of the Concerned, if not please read the attached memorandum.

Mrs. J. W. Curry has suggested you to be a representative from the Central Jurisdiction when the workshop is held October 16-17.

I hope you will find it possible to be with us. I suggest you put a ring around these dates.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Signed in Mrs. Tilly's absence)

~~Mrs. Nellie O. Davis~~
Mrs. Mayme Shealey
Mrs. R. J. Nowlin
Mrs. Josie Lang
Mrs. E. L. Smallwood
Mrs. Mercies Davis
Mrs. I. W. Christentary
Mrs. Emma Thornton
Mrs. Charles H. Dubra
Mrs. L. M. Mayfield
Mrs. H. E. Hill
Mrs. J. T. Kennedy
Mrs. G. H. Rumph
Mrs. G. H. Washington
Mrs. Susie Roberts
Mrs. E. D. Willis
Mrs. Ruby Ross Smith
Mrs. E. A. Smith
Mrs. S. L. Griffin

August 6, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Harold told me sometime ago that you were to write me concerning Alabama distribution of "South Carolinians Speak." Would appreciate your ideas on Alabama distribution and the number of copies you might effectively use.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

August 6, 1958

Mrs. J. W. Curry
401 North Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 31, to Mrs. Tilly. She is out of the office this week, but will write you as soon as she returns to the office.

We thank you for the list of names of women of the southern and border states, and I have mailed them the necessary information about the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs.Tilly

/c

August 6, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Burt:

Rabbi Mantinband suggested you as someone who might help us in distributing copies of "South Carolinians Speak," a copy of which is enclosed.

We received several thousands of these through a grant from the Fund for the Republic. The aim is to distribute copies in the deep south states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi. We think it more effective for the moderate,uncommitted persons.

We hope you will undertake the distribution of this pamphlet in Mississippi or suggest names to us for distribution from this office. We will appreciate any service you may render us.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

August 6, 1958

Editor
The Birmingham Post-Herald
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

I have today written as enclosed to the editor of the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times.

We were shocked to find that the Post-Herald would lend its columns to the dissemination of this kind of false and defamatory material -- all the more so, since the originating newspaper is far removed from the scene and there is no evidence that its reporter even made any first-hand inquiries in the South. Certainly he did not approach this organization.

The Southern Regional Council has no use for Communism or Communists. Newspapers like the Post-Herald would render a service if they would reduce, rather than increase, the public confusion between the cynical activities of Communists and the honest efforts of responsible citizens.

Very truly yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs
Encl.

August 6, 1958

Editor
The Standard-Times
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

Our attention has been called to an article in the Birmingham Post-Herald of August 1, 1958, described as the second in a series of five articles reprinted from your newspaper. The series is characterized as dealing with "the Communist influence on racial strife in the South," "prepared after an extensive investigation."

The article contains the following paragraphs:

> The results of this "honeymoon" were vital Communist infiltration of the most important agencies in the South dealing in Negro issues. The Communists infiltrated four of these organizations and actually helped found three of them.
>
> They are the Southern Conference Educational Fund, the Southern Regional Council, the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
>
> The Regional Council and the Educational Fund were both offshoots of the old Southern Conference for Human Welfare, which was dissolved in 1948 after twice being described by the Federal Government as "a Communist front serving the Soviet Union and its subservient Communist Party."

It is not my province to speak for the other organizations mentioned. But as far as the Southern Regional Council is concerned, the above statements are demonstrably false and injurious. This is to request a prpmpt and unequivocal retraction in your newspaper and in those which reprinted the series. The "extensive investigation" on which this article is allegedly based clearly did not extend to reputable and reliable sources. If it had, your investigator would, without difficulty, have learned the following facts:

1. The Southern Regional Council was neither founded nor infiltrated by Communists. It is, and has always been, unalterably opposed to the Communist movement. It is not to be found on any official list of Communist or Communist-front organizations.

2. The Southern Regional Council is in no wise an "offshoot" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. The Council was founded as the successor to the Commission on Interracial Cooperation in 1944 - five years before the Southern Conference became defunct. The two groups were entirely separate and distinct, both in organization and in approach.

3. The honorable origins of the Southern Regional Council are a matter of record, having been fully documented in contemporary newspaper accounts. The incorporators were Bishop Arthur J. Moore of the Methodist Church, Ralph McGill, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, the late Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president of Fisk University, Dr. Rufus E. Clement, president of Atlanta University, and the late Dr. Howard W. Odum of the University of North Carolina. There was no suggestion of Communist influence then or at any other time.

4. The Southern Regional Council's officers and board members are Southerners of unimpeachable reputation and patriotism. Among them are such well-known newspapermen as Hodding Carter of Mississippi, Benjamin Muse of Virginia, and Herbert Davidson of Florida; such churchmen as Catholic Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of Mississippi, Episcopal Bishop E. A. Penick of North Carolina, and Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim, dean of the SMU Theology School; and others of equal stature.

I trust that we may look forward to an early reply from you indicating that an appropriate correction will be made in the newspapers which used this series.

Very truly yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

August 6, 1958

Mr. Hodding Carter, Editor
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

Have you seen the enclosed series called "Commies and Integration" prepared by the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times and reprinted by the Birmingham Post-Herald and no doubt other Southern papers?

After reading the slur on SRC in Article No. 2, I was moved to write the New Bedford paper as enclosed.

I'm long since hardened to this kind of smearing by extremists in the South. But I can't swallow it so well when it bears the label of New England "journalism," even though I understand the paper is of the rabid McCarthyite variety.

Since I used your name, among others in my reply (as one that would be recognized that far North), I thought I should inform you of the business.

I'm sorry always to be writing you about the seamy side of our concerns and will try to remedy that in the furure. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs
Encl.

August 6, 1958

Mr. Buford Boone
Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Boone:

A friend has sent me the series entitled "Commies and Integration," prepared by the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times and reprinted in the Birmingham Post-Herald.

I was shocked and dismayed to learn that your newspaper also reprinted the series. Enclosed is a copy of my letter to the editor of the New Bedford paper. In its slur on the Southern Regional Council and in most other respects, the series is as dishonest and irresponsible a piece of reporting as I have seen.

Having deeply admired the integrity and constructiveness displayed by you and your newspaper, I am especially disheartened to find that the News published this material.

I sincerely hope that you will undertake to correct the false and damaging statements made in the series.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs
Encl.

August 6, 1958

Mr. Albert C. Winn
P. O. Box 11
Gulfshores, Alabama

Dear Mr. Winn:

Enclosed are our answers to the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times, the Birmingham Post-Herald and Buford Boone. Also enclosed is a reprint from the Congressional Record which may be of some use to you.

As I mentioned over the phone, your prompt action in this matter was most helpful to us and we are deeply grateful. We will appreciate any further information that comes to light.

If we can supply you with additional material please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs
Enc.

August 7, 1958

George Gunter's Studio
1711 Jo Johnston Avenue
Nashville 4, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Gunter:

Eight of the pictures which I ordered from those you took at the Fisk Institute of Race Relations arrived while I was on vacation. They are very good shots and I am glad to have them.

If you will check your records, I think you will find that I paid for and ordered a total of twelve photographs. The shot which is missing is the one taken of the panel session in the auditorium. This would be a picture of five of us on the platform. As I recall, when I gave you my order you had not assigned a number to that particular shot so that we were identifying it descriptively only. I would still like very much to have four prints of this shot.

Thanks for your good pictures and good services both this year and last.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 7, 1958

Mr. James W. Redden
Administrative Assistant
Office of the President
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Redden:

The George Mitchell film, "The Face of the South", about which you inquired is available for sale from the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. I am enclosing some of their materials.

Our copies of the film are handled through the southeastern office of the Anti-Defamation League, 41 Exchange Place, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia. They charge a nominal $1.50 service fee. I would suggest that you write them immediately since the film has been in steady use. It will be important to state the exact dates you wish to have the film in Tuskegee.

If the ADL cannot supply the film, please let me know and I may be of some further help.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encls: materials concerning film

August 7, 1958

Mr. Hal G. Lewis
College of Education
University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Hal:

Thanks for your letter of July 30th, summarising the situation at Gainesville. Thanks, too, for the clipping from the Florida Times-Union concerning the role of students in assisting the transition.

We are anxious to help in any way we can. If the Chief of Police would like to have a professional law enforcement consultant meet with him in an off-the-record session we could arrange it. This would be treated as confidential and would receive no publicity.

I appreciate how busy you are. I remember my hectic days of teaching during summer session; everything gets rushed and pushed together.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(signed in Mr. Routh's absence.)

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daily file

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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 7, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: State Organization Staff

From: Fred Routh

This is a double-barreled memo dealing with two subjects which are not wholly unrelated. The first subject is the radio and TV programs sponsored by the White Citizen's Councils; the second is a series of articles written by Edward B. Simmons and originally run in the New Bedford, Mass. Standard-Times, and since reprinted in the Birmingham, Ala. Post Herald, and perhaps elsewhere.

CITIZENS' COUNCILS ON RADIO & TV

The WCC has recently prepared a special series of radio and TV programs which they are offering to stations throughout the South. They are produced for TV on 16mm. film and are aimed at "big government", another way of saying "for states' rights" or, more aptly, "for segregation." The series is known as the "Citizens' Council Forum". They are distributed by W. J. Simmons, Producer, Citizens' Council Forum, Plaza Building, Jackson, Mississippi.

A number of radio and TV stations in the South evidently have begun using this material. Enclosed is a schedule copied from the WCC paper for July, 1958. An attorney for the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) reportedly has advised one station that if these programs incite people to riot the FBI should be notified; also any station which does not seek out the other side of controversial issues such as desegregation can be acused of unfair editorials and is subject to reprimand by the FCC.

We have not had an opportunity to audit these broadcasts. We urge that you have your Board members watch these programs, then visit the program amnager of the radio or TV station in question. They might want to ask the program manager what he is doing to provide equal time for the opposite point of view to be heard. In all cases, please notify SRC of each incident.

It would probably be wise to have Board members visit the program managers of radio and TV stations listed on the enclosed schedule, even if they didn't see the program,to ascertain if the programs were in fact used and to raise the question of equal time.

If the response of the program manager is unsatisfactory you might want to send a report to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. Again, please keep SRC advised of all action taken.

NEW BEDFORD, MASS. STANDARD-TIMES

This series of articles is riddled with un-truths and half-truths about the integration movement. The old dead horse of "integration is a communist plot" is being beaten. In the five articles of the series Edward B. Simmons (not known to be related to W. J. Simmons of the WCC) tries to pin the red label on the NAACP, SRC, and others. We are protesting to the New Bedford paper and the Birmingham, Ala. Post Herald the falsity of the charges made against SRC.

It was only a lucky chance that we found out that the Birmingham Post Herald was running this series. They have probably been run elsewhere and will no doubt be reprinted by the White Citizens' Council. Please be alert to such attacks and notify us of those which come to your attention.

Again, have your Board members be on the alert for such articles. This is an excellent way to use Board members. Many of them will read local papers with care and clip pertinent articles and send them to you.

We think it is important to reply to such charges when they emanate from a "respectable" source.

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CITIZENS' COUNCIL FORUM

TELEVISION

ALABAMA

Florence - WOWL-TV Channel 15, Sunday 2:45 p. m.
Montgomery - WCOV-TV Channel 20, Sunday afternoon.

GEORGIA

Columbus - WTVM (TV) Channel 28, Sunday 3 p.m.

LOUISIANA

Lafayette - KLFY-TV Channel 10, Sunday 3:45 p. m.
New Orleans - WJMR-TV Channels 12 and 20, Sunday 6 p. m.

MISSISSIPPI

Columbus - WCBI-TV Channel 4, Friday 5:45 p. m.
Hattiesburg - WDAM-TV Channel 9 Saturday 3:30 p. m.
Jackson - WLBT (TV) Channel 3 Sunday 4 p. m.
Jackson - WJTV (TV) Channel 12, Sunday 11 p. m.
Tupelo - WTWV (TV) Channel 9, Sunday 2 p. m.

RADIO

ALABAMA

Evergreen - WBLO (1470 kc.) Sunday 2 p. m.
Selma - WGWC (1340 kc.) Sunday, 12 noon.

ARKANSAS

Benton- KBBA (690 kc.) Thursday 7:35 a. m.
Helena - KFFA (1360 kc.) Monday 9 p.m.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Washington area - WFAX (1220 kc.) Sunday 12:30 p. m.

FLORIDA

Crestview - WJSB (1050 kc.) Wednesday 8:45 a. m.
Kissimmee - WRWB (1220 kc.) Schedule not received.

RADIO (cont'd)

GEORGIA

Albany - WALB (1590 kc.) Tuesday 7 p.m.
Atlanta - WYZE (1480 kc.) Sunday 7 p.m.
Cordele - WMJM (1490kc.) Schedule not received.
Monroe - WMRE (1490 kc.) Saturday 12:30 p.m.
Winder - WIMO (1300 kc.) Monday 10:45 a.m.

LOUISIANA

Bogalusa - WHXY (920 kc.) Sunday 11:30 A. M.
Homer - KYHL (1320 kc.) Sunday 1 p.m.
Houma - KCIL (1490 kc.) Sunday 5:15 p.m.
Jonesville - KLEC (1480 kc.) Sunday 8:45 a. m.
Opelousas - KSLO (1230 kc.) Friday 6:30 p. m.

MISSISSIPPI

Aberdeen - WMPA (1240 kc.) Friday 5:30 p. m.
Brookhaven - WJMB (1340 kc.) Wednesday 2:15 p.m.
Columbus - WACR (1050 kc.) Friday 12 noon.
Corinth - WCRR (1330 kc.) Sunday 1 p.m.
Greenwood - WGRM (1240 kc.) Monday 9:05 p.m.
Grenada - WNAG (1400 kc.) Sunday 7:05 p.m.
Gulfport - WROA (1390 kc.) Saturday 1 p. m.
Hattiesburg - WFOR (1400 kc.) Schedule not received.
Indianola - WNLA (1380 kc.) Sunday 1 p.m.
Jackson - WJDX (620 kc.) Saturday 12:45 p. m.
Kosciusko - WKOZ (1350 kc.) Sunday 12 noon.
Laurel - WAML (1340 kc.) Thursday 6:45 p. m.
Leland-Greenville - WESY (1580 kc.) Schedule not rec'd.
Louisville - WLSM (1270 kc.) Saturday 12:45 p.m.
McComb - WAPF (980 kc.) Saturday 8 a.m.
Oxford - WSUH (1420 kc.) Sunday 1 p.m.
Philadelphia - WHOC (1490 kc.) Sunday 2:45 p.m.
Starkville - WSSO(1230) Saturday 6:45a.m.
Tupelo - WELO (1490) Sunday 12:30 p. m.

TELEVISION

NORTH CAROLINA

Raleigh - WRAL-TV Channel 5, Sunday 3:30 p.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston - WUSN-TV Channel 2 Saturday afternoon

Greenville - WFBC-TV Channel 4 Schedule not received.

TENNESSEE

Johnson City - WJHL-TV Channel 11, Schedule not received.

TEXAS

San Angelo - KCTV (TV) Channel 8, Friday 11:30 a.m.

VIRGINIA

Hampton-Norfolk WVEC-TV Channel 15, Saturday afternoon.

Richmond - WTVR (TV) Channel 6, Monday 6:30 p.m.

RADIO

~~VIRGINIA~~ Mississippi cont'd

Tupelo - WTUP (1380 kc.) Sunday 8:15 a.m.

Yazoo City - WAZF (1230 kc.) Thursday 12:30 p.m.

NORTH CAROLINA

Concord - WEGO (1410 kc.) Friday 5:30 p. m.

Lexington - WBUY (1440 kc.) Wednesday, 7 p. m.

New Bern WHIT (1450 kc.) Saturday 6:15 p.m.

Sanford - WEYE (1290 kc.) Saturday 12:45 p.m.

Shelby - WOHS (730 kc.) Wednesday 6:15 p.m.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Belton - WHPB (1390 kc.) Sunday 12:15 p.m.

Bennettsville - WBSC (1550 kc.) Saturday 5:45 p.m.

Charleston - WCSC (1390 kc.) Sunday 10:15 p.m.

Greenville - WMUU (1260 kc.) Schedule not received.

Greer - WCKI (1300 kc.) Sunday 1 p.m.

Laurens - WLBG (860 kc.) Sunday 1:05 p.m.

Orangeburg - WTND (920 kc.) Friday 12:15 p.m.

Sumter - WSSC (1290 kc.) Saturday 4:45 p.m.

TENNESSEE

Lexington - WDXL (1490) Friday 6:15 pm.

McMinnville - WBMC (960) Saturday 12:45 p.m.

Milan - WKBG (1600) Sunday 3 p.m.

Murfreesboro - WGNS (1450) Sunday 9 p.m.

TEXAS

Brownsville - KBOR (1600) Tuesday 8 p.m.

Carthage - KGAS (1590) Sunday 12:45 p.m.

Center - KDET (930) Saturday 5:15 p.m.

Edinburg - KURV (710) Sunday 10 p.m.

Gainesville - KGAF (1580) Sunday 5:15 p.m.

Junction - KMBL (1450) Sunday 9:15 p.m.

Kermit - KERB (600) Saturday 5 p.m.

Kilgore - KOCA (1240) Thursday 1 p.m.

Pasadena - KRCT (650) Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Post - KRWS (1370) Monday 1:30 p.m.

San Angelo - KWFR (1260) Sunday 5:15 p.m.

Terrell - KTER (1570) Monday 6:30 p.m.

Tyler - KTBB (600) Sunday 5:45 p.m.

VIRGINIA

Charlottesville - WCHV (1260) Sunday 7:45 p.m.

Falls Church - WFAX (1220) Schedule not received.

Norfolk - WLOW (1400) Schedule not rec'd.

Richmond - WMBG (1380) Sunday 10 p.m.

Roanoke - WRIS (1410) Sunday 6:30 p.m.

South Boston - WHLF (1400) Sunday, 5:45 p. m.

August 7, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Emory Via and I have both read your LOOK manuscript, and I hasten to return it to you with our comments.

The piece carries a terrific wallop. I would love to witness first-hand some of the reactions in Washington. I must say, I was impressed by the wordage. Is LOOK really going to run this much?

On page 1, I've marked a sentence which sounds self-contradictory and probably needs clarifying.

On page 11, we suggest omitting "liberal" before Mayor Hartsfield. The label is an over-emphasis, and your point comes through just as well without it.

On page 12, you have overstated Atlanta's virtue. The one Negro member on Atlanta's planning board is not so unusual among Southern cities; suggest you leave out "rare". The next sentence perplexes me completely; there are no Negro members of the Atlanta Junior Chamber. Several years ago Atlanta did play host to a national convention of the Jaycees, at which a few Negro delegates were in attendance; the convention was desegregated in some respects, but not in all.

Further on page 12, Emory points out that the category "social worker" in the last line should be omitted, since it is subsumed under parole officers.

On pages 38-39, I'm not sure your crack at the presence of Battle on the Civil Rights Commission is wholly justified. I fully agree that it was a stupid appointment, but the total make-up of the Commission doesn't clearly support the charge that the Administration's motive was deliberate aid to the segregationists. Rather, I think it indicates lack of understanding of the nature of the problem and how it must be solved.

Otherwise, which is most-wise, we think you have done an extremely skillful job of presenting the findings - and in some cases it took a lot of skill to present them both forecfully and accurately. Let us hope and pray that the fact-finders in the several cities weren't off-base with any of their figures!

I'll be glad to send you a comment on the Little Rock developments as soon as the Circuit Court rules on the appeal from Lemley.

Meanwhile, call on us for any help we can give with the book.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. manuscript

August 7, 1958

Mr. John B. Morris
601 Jefferson Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear John:

Thanks for your several recent letters, and enclosures, which have kept me well posted. Let me try to catch up on my end of the correspondence by dealing with several different matters.

1. First, I greatly admire both your promptness and skill in the field of epistles. You can have my proxy any time. I'm a bit weary of attempting rebuttals of the *News and Courier*'s canards, but either Dabbs or I may return Brother Morse's fire yet once more. As to the outcry over SCS, I thought it pretty ineffective and was well satisfied by your answering letter.

2. You may have decided by now where you will spend the coming academic year. I don't have any special qualifications as an adviser on that question, aside from my enthusiasm for Atlanta as an interesting and central location. I can add that your presence in Atlanta would be very welcome here at SRC. Your interests and ours are obviously close together, and I'm sure we would develop a fruitful working relationship. But I know you must base your decision on more pragmatic considerations, and I can't honestly try to influence you on that basis.

3. I was very sorry that the *Washington Post* decided it couldn't publish the full Morris-Timmerman correspondence. I agree with you thoroughly as to its timeliness and am by no means ready to concede defeat. If we exhaust all other avenues, I will be glad to have SRC do the honors. But, first, assuming I have your permission, I am going to try *Harper's* and *The Reporter*, in that order. Failing those and any

other equally suitable possibilities, I feel sure SRC can take on the publication and distribution. I'll keep you posted.

Finally, on a personal note, have you considered putting in a stretch as a professional in the human relations field? It's becoming increasingly clear to me that you would do a whale of a good job. I have nothing specific in mind at the moment, but it's a busy field and an appropriate ppportunity might well appear one of these days. If the idea isn't in irreconcilable conflict with your status and career as a cleric, let it simmer on a back burner.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

P. S.
Thanks for the prospectus. I'll be glad to help if I can, as the project progresses.

AGENDA

CONSULTANT SERVICE PROGRAM MEETING

August 7-8, 1958

PLACE: Willard Hotel, Washington, D. C.

TIME: Thursday, August 7, 9:30 A. M.

9:30 A. M. - 12:00 Noon:	Meeting of Consultants, SRC staff, and Virginia Council Director
	Purpose: Reports of Consultants with tentative suggestions for action - Norfolk, Arlington, Charlottesville
12:00 noon-1:00 P. M.	Meeting of consultants, including Virginia Director
	Purpose: to draft statement of Consultant Service Program recommendations in Virginia
12:00 noon-1:00 P. M.	Meeting of SRC Staff
	Purpose: Review and appraisal of all key cities, including Dallas, Nashville, Little Rock, etc.
	What can CSP do before Labor Day? What other action can be taken, when and by whom?
1:00 P. M.-2:00 P. M.	Lunch
2:00-3:30	Continuation of earlier meetings
3:30-5:00	Meeting of Consultants, SRC Staff and the Virginia Council Director
	Purpose: Discussion of consultants joint report, planning next steps, consultant assignments, etc.

Friday

9:30-	Final Session, preparation of recommendations for circulation to Virginia communities, etc.

August 8, 1958

Mr. E. W. Richter
Purdue University
Station WBAA
LaFayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Richter:

I am happy to know about your interesting project and will be glad to cooperate. Fred Routh of our staff has asked me to tell you that he will be available for interview at this office on the afternoon of August 23.

I, too, will be agreeable to that time, if I am in town. There is a fair chance that I will be taking an out-of-town trip with my family that weekend. If you are to have any free time on Friday the 24th, it might be safer for us to plan our get-together then.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

August 8, 1958

Mr. Rowland Watts, Staff Counsel
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Rowland:

Your letter on the Georgia law respecting penal confinement was very helpful. My general feeling is that the possible remedy is not sufficient to warrant making a project of the case. However, Ruby Hurley is away for an extended period, and I would like to discuss the matter further with her before we make a final decision.

On the question of a suitable Georgia lawyer, my inquiries among friendly lawyers point strongly to Harold Russell as an excellent choice. I am not acquainted with Russell myself, but his competence and character are respected by those who know him. As you know, his firm is one of the major and most conservative hereabouts, and it is something of a surprise that he should feel able to take on civil liberties. But, assuming he can, that only makes him a better candidate.

I'll be looking forward to further word from you as the effort progresses.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

August 8, 1958

Mr. John Fischer, Editor
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Fischer:

Enclosed is a colorful exchange of correspondence between the Rev. John B. Morris of Dillon, S. C., and Federal District Judge George Bell Timmerman, Sr. As you doubtless know, the judge is the father of the outgoing governor of South Carolina and has jurisdiction over the Clarendon County school case.

Morris thought, correctly in my opinion, that the correspondence sheds interesting light on the psychology of a Southern Federal judge whose loyalty to race prejudice overrides all else. Accordingly, Morris wrote Timmerman asking if he would object to the correspondence being made public. Timmerman wrote in reply, "I have not the slightest objection to anyone publishing the complete exchange of letters between us in the chronological order in which it occurred, commencing with your letter to me under date October 22, 1957, and ending with my letter to you of January 21, 1958, which last letter was in reply to your letter of January 17, 1958."

Morris subsequently discussed publication with the Washington Post and Times-Herald. Finally, the Post reluctantly concluded that the space requirements were prohibitive. Morris has asked me to explore other possibilities.

Despite the length and repetitiveness of the letters, I thought you might be interested. The Lemley decision in Arkansas put the attitudes of Southern judges in the lime-light, and other rulings seem to be contributing to this interest. Moreover, the correspondence has - at least for me - a kind of grisly fascination.

I shall be looking forward to your reaction to this admittedly off-beat suggestion. Meanwhile, I'm sending you a copy of the booklet South Carolinians Speak so that you can see what all the shooting was about.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encl. Morris-Timmerman correspondence

August 11, 1958

Mrs. Jerry Sisson
310 North 7th Street
East Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Sisson:

Mrs. Tiffin has told us of your possible interest in working with the Council. While we do not have any specific openings at this time, we would like to talk with you and it is possible that we can work out something to our mutual advantage.

Our secretarial positions have a salary of $3,000 per year ($250 per month) with approximately one month's vacation per year.

Since there is no definite opening nor schedule to be met, there is no hurry on our part. Perhaps after you and Mr. Sisson arrive in Atlanta, you could give me a call and we could arrange to explore this matter further. In the meantime, would you drop me a note confirming your interest in working with the Council.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 11, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1213 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We are mailing you five hundred copies of "South Carolinians Speak" as an initial mailing. We may possibly be able to send you five hundred more, but we thought it best to wait until we heard something definitely from Mississippi concerning distribution there.

At any rate, I will keep in touch with you about the pamphlet.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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August 11, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Baker
Washington Post Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street, N. W.
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Bob:

A chat with Lucius Pitts disclosed the following additional information about Terrell County. Lucius was in Dawson last week still concerned with the school situation in general and the dismissed teachers in particular. He found the Negroes of the area, including teachers with whom he has had a good relationship in the past, generally afraid of him and afraid to discuss the situation further.

These facts he considers general knowledge:

(1) No Negro teachers have had their contracts renewed for the coming school year.

(2) The number of dismissed teachers - those who have received letters stating that their services will not be required in the 1958-59 school year, is now ten. There remains hope that some of these will be reinstated before the opening of school. Of the ten, three are principals. One of the principals has been with the Terrell County school system for more than 10 years. None of those dismissed have been given a reason for the action.

(3) The school board, at a recent meeting, again announced that no equipment would be returned to the Negro schools from which it had been taken. They reasoned that much equipment had been moved about, Negro to Negro, white to white, Negro to white, white to Negro, etc., and that no unfair distribution was involved.

(4) The Dawson News ran an editorial criticising the school board for this latest decision concerning the equipment.

The Georgia Teachers and Education Association (Lucius's organization) are determined to "bust this one wide open." They feel they have a good chance of winning since integration et. al., is not involved. Lucius is of the opinion that the people of the State Department of Education and the State School Building Authority are very concerned about this situation and are actually frightened of the results unless they can get the Terrell County Board to completely reverse itself.

Biggest concern arises from the fact that since 1951 all school districts have received from the State, $300 per year per teacher for equipment and maintenance. Until the 1957-58 school year, none of this was spent for Negro schools although with more than 60 Negro teachers the county in effect received better than $18,000 per year for this purpose. Negro schools had little or no janitorial service, no electricity, no running water, no toilets, etc. (Currently it is impossible to reach the new Negro high school by car after a heavy rain. Students lay planks across the yard to get across the mud.) In addition, the State School Building Authority put up all of the new Negro school buildings, although each school district also receives $200 per teacher per year for capital outlay.

Lucius is of the opinion that you could use any of the above information if the need arose, though, if possible, it might be desirable to have a local or state official or some other appropriate person tell you these things.

Have also talked with Amos Holmes, Georgia NAACP secretary, who is Ruby's right hand man in their interests in Dawson. He tells me that the young woman who was in the Dawson jail at the time of the Brazier beating is Ira Lee Gladden. She is now at Reidsville State Farm, he believes. "Carolyn" is, of course, still in the Dawson jail.

Holmes has had several recent visits from the FBI. He believes they were last in Dawson just before the federal grand jury met in Macon.

Holmes turned up a Negro who was possibly a witness to the Brazier beating. The man is the night watchman at the gin where the beating is supposed to have occurred. The watchman told several Negroes he knew all about the beating. However, he now denies that he knows anything, stating that on the night in question, he left the gin around 1:30 a.m., and went home.

Some time ago, "Carolyn" smuggled a letter out of the jail. That letter and the covering letter which came to Ruby are enclosed. This is a rough copy as taken over the phone. This letter, possibly in slightly altered form, was given to the FBI.

Holmes says that he will be happy to give you such information and documents as he has on hand, if you need them. He is at Ruby's office, 859½ Hunter Street, N. W., phone MUrray 8-8869.

Sorry that it has taken so much to cover so little.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2.

August 11, 1958

Mr. Earl Davis
AFL-CIO Representative
419 West Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Earl:

I am trying to locate the owner of a pipe which was left at Fisk. Are you the man? It is a bulldog shape put out by the Kensington people. The kind I would like to have if I were still smoking them. If it is yours, just drop me a card and I will be happy to mail it wherever your card indicates.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
c. c. to Memphis address

August 11, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Enclosed are outlines which could serve as guides for the sessions on Southern social problems and those dealing with economic problems in the South. As I told you from Kitty Hawk, I do not feel that it would be wise to combine the two topics into one series of four sessions. If it would help your program planning, I would be willing to undertake both series if the outlines enclosed were to be approximated. But if you anticipate dividing each class into two sections - which would mean my teaching four classes each day - I would think it would be too much for one person to do an effective job.

I have not uncovered the name of an economist who would be both available and fit into this kind of set-up. I may get to see the man from North Carolina perform at the Tri-State Labor School this week. If this looks promising, I will be in touch with you.

Feel free to edit the enclosed outlines to make them more suitable for your purposes. If you make any major revisions it would be a great help to have some advance warning.

Let me know if there is anything further you want from me.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encl. outlines

SOUTHERN ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND DEVELOPMENTS

I. Background to the economy of the South

II. The changing scene

- A. Industrialization
- B. Developments in agriculture

III. The impact of a changing economy on Southern life

IV. The impact of Unions in the South

V. The role of Unions in economic development: special responsibility for an intelligent manpower policy

- A. The full utilization of human resources
- B. Relations of Negroes to:
    - 1. Unions
    - 2. Employment opportunity
    - 3. Training opportunity

- C. A protected work force

- D. A protected standard of living

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SOUTHERN SOCIAL PROBLEMS

I. Urbanization

- A. Population shifts
- B. New demands on urban areas
- C. Changing patterns in city growth and government

II. Education

- A. The effort
- B. The need
- C. How affected by desegregation and resistance

III. The problem of controversy and rights in a free society

- A. Attacks on unions
- B. Attacks on other groups

IV. Unions in society
- A. The nature of union organization
- B. The social responsibilities of unions
- C. What we can do

August 11, 1958

Mr. Elmer A. Carter, Commissioner
State of New York, Executive Department
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway, New York 7, New York

Dear Mr. Carter:

Thank you for your letter of August 7. I will be glad to pull together a summary of my proposed statement for Harry Golden who by-the-by is an old friend of mine. I hope to get at this the latter part of this week. Our Executive Committee meets tomorrow and I'm pushed just now, but I didn't want to leave you dangling. Hence, this brief note.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Rev. Thomas J. Harte, C.Ss.R.
The Catholic University of America
Washington 17, D. C.

Dear Father Harte:

I am all in favor of having a bona fide panel discussion without prepared statements at the CIC meeting in Chicago.

I look forward to receiving a list of the questions that may be raised for the panelists.

All good regards.

Respectfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capital
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Mrs

Congratulations on finding Mr. John W. Walker and refinding Mr. Velma Powell. It would seem that the Arkansas Council will now go full steam ahead. Mr. Walker sounds like an excellent chap with a good background.

I am interested in the dinner conference with Negro leaders, and the proposed meeting with the larger group on the 21st of August. After the 21st, would you please write us and let us know the outcome of both meetings. A copy of the report would be helpful to Harry Meserve, too. I was glad to see that you sent him a copy of your letter to me.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mildred:

Thanks very much for your letter with the enclosed clippings from the Richmond Times-Dispatch. As you well know, this is Virginius Dabney's paper. Mr. Dabney was active in the creation of the Southern Regional Council; therefore, one can only conclude that the series of articles now being published are untrue, or that Virginius Dabney was a fellow traveler or a dupe of the Communist party back in the '40's. We will see that an appropriate representation is made to Mr. Dabney.

If you hear of this series being run elsewhere in Virginia please let us know.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

Ben Segal has asked me to let you know that he will be unable to participate in the Tri-State Labor School on August 15th. He has a prior committment in his own program out in Ohio. Ben's attachment to the labor movement in the South and his special interest in the states covered by your school make it a matter of real regret that he cannot participate on this occasion.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
c.c. Ben Segal

August 11, 1958

Mr. Harry Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

This is just a note to express my appreciation for your July, 1958, human relations bulletin. It was both informative and readable and a contribution to your work and ours.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. Robert W. Ozanne, Director
School for Workers
University Extension Division
The University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Bob:

Thanks for your letter of August 4th. As of now, unless some emergency arises, I will plan to be in Madison on August 18th and for a part of the 19th.

My situation is too complicated to allow for easy answers or simple decisions. However, I think it is advisable for me to discuss the opening at the School for Workers with you. I look forward to seeing you and staff next week.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. George Guernsey, AFL-CIO
Department of Education
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

Thanks so much for calling my attention especially to the July-August issue of Education News and Views and for the extra copies of this issue which you sent me. The material on the civil rights law should be helpful in getting some discussions underway. I am glad to see that you made mention of the Negro Voter in the South - it has proved to be a useful piece. We hope in the next few months to do a good bit of updating of this study.

I hope you will be in touch with me whenever I can be of service to you or to the department.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson, Secretary
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Arnie:

Thanks for your letter of August 6th with the enclosed memo to the mass media mailing list. I think this is a worthwhile program item.

You are right in assuming that we sent it to the state human relations councils in the South.

We will bend an elbow in Chicago.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. Harry Ashmore, Editor
Arkansas Gazette
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Cousin Harry:

Thanks for the copy of your letter to George Culberson. I appreciate how far you have to dig. Naturally I am disappointed you couldn't make it for I was one of those who avidly pushed your name.

I can well understand your reluctance to take on any additional burdens at the present time.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 11, 1958

Mr. John Marion, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond 26, Virginia

Dear Jack:

Thanks for the report on interracial facilities in Virginia. It will be helpful in our compilation.

Paul Rilling tells me that you are a real help to him and this we appreciate.

Sorry I missed you when I was in Richmond. I called only to find you were in Pennsylvania. I hope to do better next time through.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 12, 1958

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

The brief account in the New York Times of the Phelps-Stokes' experiment with Negro high schools was quite exciting. We wonder if the complete report is ready?

We will be grateful if you will send us as many copies as you can spare of whatever is available on this matter at your earliest convenience.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

August 12, 1958

Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Attn: Mrs. Clore

Consultants of the Southern Regional Council working in parts of the South have had frequent inquiries about the Southern Police Institute. If there is any material immediately available concerning the aims, organization and operation of the Southern Police Institute, I hope it can be put into the hands of these consultants. A list of names and addresses is attached to this letter.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

1. Mr. John Alexander
119 Northway Road
Greenbelt, Maryland

2. Mr. John Hope II
90 Coligni Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

(after Aug. 15) Mr. John Hope II
Apt. 53
54 Morningside Drive
New York, New York

3. Dr. Harry Walker
Department of Sociology
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

4. Mrs. Preston Valien
339 21st Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tennessee

5. Mr. Paul Rilling
100 West Franklin Street
Apt. 405
Richmond, Virginia

August 13, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

I am enclosing the list of Alabama Church Women, which Mrs. Tilly asked me to send to you.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to
Mrs. M. E. Tilly

/c
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL August 13, 1958

Mr. David F. Freeman
St. Andrews
New Brunswick, Canada

Dear Dave:

My apologies for trying to sneak in a letter during your vacation. I am led to such inhumanity by the urgent prospect of a religious conference at Williamsburg in early September.

The modified plan is a Virginia-wide meeting of clergymen the week after schools open -- maybe interfaith, but more likely all Protestant. Will Campbell is carrying the ball, with the cooperation of Jack Marion, Paul Rilling as the new director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations, and the Virginia Council of Churches. The plans are going forward briskly, and I think it is likely to be a successful and helpful effort.

The delegates are expected to pay their own travel. But the steering group feels that the success of the meeting would be enhanced if meals and lodging could be subsidized. The estimated cost is $2,000.

Since it will be a statewide rather than regional or national meeting, denominational money would be hard to come by, particularly on such short notice.

I have no idea that you can look into this very far on vacation, but thought perhaps a letter now would speed up an answer on your return. If you don't feel anything can be done, a postcard to that effect would be appreciated.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 13, 1958

Dr. W. C. Cowart
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cowart:

I could not reach you by phone before going out of town for a few days. Would it be a possible project for the Georgia Council or the Atlanta Council to explore how the enclosed news story relates to vocational training opportunities for Negroes?

I would be happy to talk further with you about this at the end of next week.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enc. Newsclip
c.c. Rev. Edward Cahill

Atlanta Constitution, 8/13/58

Georgia Blueprints Aid Program For Setting Up Vocation Schools

The State Board of Education Tuesday outlined a program under which local school systems may receive state aid for setting up area vocational training schools.

The schools will be set up in industrial areas for 11th and 12th graders as well as high school graduates and other persons over 25 years of age.

Under the vocational school program the State Department of Education hopes eventually to have a system of training schools serving areas of approximately 50 miles' radius.

Systems desiring state aid to set up such schools must get approval of the state board. Funds will be supplied on a first-come, first-served basis as long as they are available.

Under the new rules, the local system will have to supply the building site, maintenance costs and consumable supplies.

The state will provide basic pay for instructors. The state and local systems will equally share the cost of building and equipping the schools.

The vocational schools would be set up in such industrial areas as Macon, Albany, Rome and Columbus, as well as smaller towns.

They would serve areas of roughly 50 miles' radius, and any Georgian would be admitted tuition free. Cost of transporting 11th and 12th graders would be borne by the systems from which the pupils come. Other persons would have to provide their own transportation.

Two types of industrial schools are planned.

The first type would offer from eight to 30 kinds of job training. They would operate separately from regular high schools and would award certificates of proficiency rather than high school diplomas upon successful completion of training.

This type would also offer evening courses.

The second type would be an expansion or addition to vocational programs already existing in regular high schools. Students in the 11th and 12th grades under this plan would receive a three-hour trade course plus regular school work.

See 8/13/58 letter to
Dr. W. C. Cowart for
newsclip referred to
in this letter.

August 14, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Herb:

I wonder how this relates to our interest in training opportunities as being one good road to proper employment? At this point I am just raising the question.

I have also written notes to Ruby Hurley, NAACP Southeastern Regional Director; Amos Holmes, Georgia NAACP Secretary; and Lucious Pitts, Executive Secretary of the Georgia Teachers and Education Association.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via; signed
in his absence.)

EFV:ls
c.c. Ruby Hurley
Amos Holmes

See 8/13/58 letter to
Dr. W.C. Cowart for
newsclip mentioned here.

August 14, 1958

Mr. Lucious Pitts
Georgia Teachers and
Education Association
201 Ashby Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pitts:

Sorry I could not reach you by phone before I went out of town for a few days. Can you tell me how the enclosed story relates to vecational training opportunities for Negroes?

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

(Dictated by Mr. Via; signed in
his absence)

August 14, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

We sent you yesterday the list of Alabama women in the various towns, who in the last two years have attended our workshop or have been invited.

So far I have not had the dates from you. The Florida dates are September 10-11. Of course I will be there these two days.

I hope somewhere in the program for these meetings, you will have a strong minister to increase the courage of the women, give to them the same impelling compulsion that you and Noreen have, a compulsion that knows no barriers from any source.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 14, 1958

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Secretary Christian Social Relations
Women's Society of Christian Service
The Methodist Church
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Lincoln Park, Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Thank you so much for sending me the list of women to whom to send registration blanks. The order was filled some days age.

We are hearing distressing reports that in one section, particularly Shelby County, the Negroes were prevented from voting, and this aided in the defeat of a liberal governnor of Tennessee. Please find out all you can about this and let us know.

You are doing grand work and I am deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

August 14, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF

From: EFV

Re: Reactions on the memorandum from the foundations conference

EDUCATION

1. Vocational training

The emphasis placed on the fact that ~~rural~~ real vocational training now takes place in industry is well put. However, except where there is a govennment contract and a real organizational push, there is no guarantee and almost no channels for seeing that opportunities for this training are offered to Negroes. So there is still some advantage in concentrating on public vocational training. However, what is basically needed is a better understanding of what constitutes good vocational training for anyone, and then to see that this standard is applied to all. The exception to this rule is that generally the availability of jobs is taken into consideration in setting up a vocational program. This limitation should not apply to Negroes if race is the factor used to indicate non-availability. Perhaps what vocational training (public) most needs to do is to give students the kind of preparation which makes them "trainable" rather than an attempt to turn out a student with an acquired skill.

I am inclined to think that some special law suits may be required which are aimed specifically at schools offering vocational training. Certainly this would be true in terms of student applications to schools.

2. Preparatory education

I would suggest that this whole area is perhaps more suitable to a developmental approach such as one could envision for Carnegie. There are real dangers inherent in setting up specifically Negro preparatory schools. One idea does suggest itself which could serve both as a pilot project and as a worthwhile endeavor in and of itself. This would be to establish a so-called laboratory high school as an adjunct to some university's education department. The outstanding example about which I know is the one at the University of Chicago. Such a school would have several advantages. It would stand some change of attracting a few white students; for instance, the children of white faculty teaching in the university. It would offer the advantages of advanced educational techniques and low pupil-teacher ratios for a program geared to overcoming the handicaps of poor prior education, low socio-economic conditions, and the other deficiences occasioned by the circumstances of family background. Aside from serving the needs of the special students, an important function would be filled in that teacher trainees from the education department would be receiving specialized instruction and experience in meeting problems which will continue to confront Negro students for some time to come.

USE OF THE BALLOT

A matter of timing is involved in our voting study. We should feel the need to complete the follow-up study and any other related studies such as reports from the churchwomen in time to allow sufficient interaction with the Civil Rights Commission so that our findings can substantially be a part of their final report.

ECONOMICS

The Hammer proposals are interesting and worthy. I would guess that the right kind of entrepreneur type could uncover enough leads in the Negro and white business worlds to begin to indicate that it would be worth the necessary money to business to undertake some of the proposed studies. There is fear in some quarters that the shopping center idea is running out of steam - essentially that there can be too many of them. However, the Negro markets still represent, as Phil points out, one of the great untapped areas.

I am not sure that separate manpower utilization studies are needed. I wonder if the work of the National Manpower Commission, the Department of Labor, and even Eli Ginzberg's most recent book have been fully explored.

The various suggestions for using the NPA's committe of the South leave me cold. I would suggest that we continue to give a touch of realism to these proposals in light of our recent experience. SRC might have a role in an in-service training program with Negro businesses; however, I doubt that it should be or could be our project. Not even for $10,100.

There is a very real need for intensive development of modern skills among Negroes prior to the time when the national shortage of skills is fully realized. This national shortage of skills actually can be made up through other means than use of Negroes. Which other means are probably currently being explored, consciously or unconsciously, by many persons involved in the development of skills in our national life. There is a great need to build the pressure of available skills in the Negro community now. This is already a serious shortcoming in the efforts to obtain employment by merit. A prestige conference aimed at business and academic people has a degree of appeal. I would suggest the possibilities of a joint conference between the business departments of more than one university, perhaps an agency, and perhaps with the open participation of one of the foundations. There is a great need to continue to develop the climate of opinion that this is a wise long-run proceedure for our economy.

Cold water, in general, to the idea of evaluating existing programs. As to government agencies, the chances of an evaluation leading to a remedy are slim. The documentation is sufficient; the rest is largely political - sometimes in a broader sense, however.

Is there anything in our Prince Hopkins proposal which should be thrown into this mill as well?

There is a continuing need for work to be done on the civil liberties aspects of the civil rights struggle. Partly this is the continuing to open up the forum. It is in part an educational process. It is both a public education need and a special interest group education need. The aspects relative to lawyers and their function in our society are still important, and should receive emphasis.

End of memo, but more later if I return to the office before your letter to Eagle goes out.

EFV:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

August 14, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF

From: FBR

Re: Eaport on Philanthropoid Meeting, July 18th.

If this report accurately reflects the discussions at the Philanthropoid Meeting, the results are somewhat disappointing. With as talented a group as was there present, one might hope for a higher degree of imaginative and creative thinking.

Some specific questions which come to mind, but received little or no attention at the meeting, would include:

1. What, if anything, can the "Mr. Bigs" on the Foundation Boards do to reach the White House for support of the courts?

2. What can these "Mr. Bigs" do about reaching their counter-parts in the South to help them see and accept their responsibilities as community and business leaders in times of crisis?

3. What can the Foundations do to assist Organized Labor implement national policy at the local level; expand apprentice training opportunities for Negroes (blue collar jobs are as important as white)?

4. What can be done by the Foundations to assist the training of law-enforcement officers in human relations know-how; in riot provention; in mob control?

5. What can be done about developing county and community profiles in a wide range of situations so there might be developed a rough measuring stick for "all deliberate speed"?

6. What can be done to offset the "brain washing" being done by Southern politicians, the WCC, etc.; in the South; in the rest of the nation?

FBR:ls

August 14, 1958

Mr. Earl Davis
AFL-CIO Representative
419 West Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Earl:

Now that the Tennessee primary is over, I would be very much interested in some word from you relative to the registration and voting process itself. You will recall our voting study which was published last fall. We are still interested in gathering information on difficulties encountered by Negroes in the registration-voting process. Any facts or leads that you have on this score, especially regarding the western Tennessee counties, would be greatly appreciated.

A note from you indicating that you had such information would be sufficient and I would then try to get it from you in some way less cumbersome than having you to write out the details.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed
in his absence.)

EFV:ls

August 14, 1958

Mr. Hodding Carter
Editor
The Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Mississippi

Dear Hodding:

I do indeed think an icy letter from your attorney to the Standard-Times would help. The apparent sense of impunity of these birds is as irksome as anything else, and such a letter might at least jar them a bit.

For your private information, I enclose a copy of my letter to Virginius Dabney. I'll let you know what his response is. If he does what he should and sets the record straight, we'll have an exhibit from the increasingly conservative Times-Dispatch with which to explode this myth from now on.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
encl. - 1 (HCF ltr. to Virginius Dabney, dtd. 8/14/58)

August 14, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis, Executive Director
Catholic Interracial Council
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

Thanks for the check for $125.00 as a travel advance. I will arrive in Chicago Thursday, August 28th.

We will be on the lookout for any ad or story in the various papers we get here in the office. We will be happy to supply copies of them for your files. I have asked our Research Assistant to follow through on this. I have been in touch with Father Harte and Commissioner Carter regarding my participation in the conference.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 14, 1958

Mr. Jacob Schlitt
Jewish Labor Committee
Atran Center for Jewish Culture
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Schlitt:

Many thanks for the speech given by Harry Golden at the Third National Trade Union Conference on Civil Rights of the Jewish Labor Committee. Harry Golden is an old and good friend of mine. He is a person of whom I am personally fond and whom I professionally respect. Speaking for the Goyem - I am glad he's on our side.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY August 14, 1958

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Editor
The Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Personal

Dear Mr. Dabney:

This is in reference to the five-part series on Communism and race prepared by the New Bedford *Standard-Times* and recently reprinted by the *Times-Dispatch*. The series as a whole is journalism at its shabbiest. But article number two is of direct and serious concern to the Southern Regional Council.

As you may have observed, this article states flatly that the Council from the start was "infiltrated" by and -- through its officials, ideas, and publications -- "linked" to the Communist Party. The article also flatly states that the Council was an "off-shoot" of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, described as a Communist front. And, as a fitting climax, the article gives credence to an alleged boast in the *Daily Worker* that the chief of the Communist Party's Southern branch was "a co-founder" of the Council.

It is understating it to say that we were astounded to find these statements reprinted in the *Times-Dispatch*. As one of those most intimately and influentially involved in the birth of the Council, and as a director during its early years of life, you are uniquely equipped to recognize how false and malicious these allegations are. When this matter was discussed at our executive committee meeting yesterday, several of the members recalled their association with you in the sessions out of which the Council developed.

Of course, we realize that you may not have seen the series prior to its publication in your paper. But we should like assurance from you that these injurious falsehoods will be exposed for what they are and that a true account of the Council's origins will be fully and clearly presented in the *Times-Dispatch*.

In the event that such a correction is not to be published, I should appreciate prompt word to that effect so that we may submit for publication an appropriate statement of rebuttal.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL August 14, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

A hasty note to acknowledge your last letter and to let you know that I am working on the specific suggestions you invited.

The notes on the conference were truly awe-inspiring. Some inevitable distortion here and there, but a remarkably full account of what was said.

I hope you got that vacation, or perhaps are enjoying it now.

All the best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 14, 1958

Mr. Lester H. Persells
7036 Altama Road
Jacksonville 11, Florida

Dear Mr. Persells:

Enclosed is a portion of our proposal to the Rockefeller Brothers Fund which I have been asked to pass on to you for your information.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Harold C. Fleming

MMF

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL August 14, 1958

Mr. John Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

We were very sorry that you could not be with us on the 12th for the Executive Committee meeting, though we well understand the demands of your schedule.

The Committee took one action in which they thought you might want to join them. Enclosed is the final draft of a letter to the President, which is, I believe, self-explanatory.

We hope to get this letter off no later than Monday the 18th. If you care to join the other members of the Committee (with the exception of Dr. Clement who is out of the country) we will, with your permission, trace your signature from earlier correspondence. A note on the enclosed draft with your thinking on this matter will be more than sufficient.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

__VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL__ August 14, 1958

Mr. Paul Williams
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

We were very sorry that you could not be with us on the 12th for the Executive Committee meeting, though we well understand the demands of your schedule.

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Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

August 14, 1958

Mr. Buford Boone
Publisher
The Tuscaloosa News
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Dear Mr. Boone:

Thank you for your courteous and informative reply to my letter concerning the Standard-Times series.

I do understand, of course, the common newspaper practice of presenting diverse views which may or may not coincide with the paper's policy. What troubled us was not the airing of opinions with which we disagree, but allegations that are both untrue and damaging being presented as statements of fact.

Be that as it may, your allocation of space for our reply gives us a full and fair hearing.

I shall look forward to seeing whatever you publish including any editorial comment, and I shall see that you receive copies of any comment or correction published elsewhere.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 14, 1958

Miss Anne Perkins
Harper & Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Miss Perkins:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked me to relay the following information in response to your letter of August 1.

Enclosed is a directory of "Organizations and Personnel Engaged in Human Relations Activities in the South." Suitable and worthwhile promotion for Mr. King's book would probably develop from any of the organizations and persons listed therein. We have checked the names of several persons who would be especially appropriate for your purpose.

In addition, you might like to send a copy to Mr. James M. Dabbs, president of the Southern Regional Council and author of the forthcoming book, The Southern Heritage. His address: Rip Raps Plantation, Mayesville, South Carolina.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Directory)

August 15, 1958

Mr. J. Clyde Barrington
American Friends Service Committee
Southeastern Regional Office
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Barrington:

I am sending you under separate cover ten (10) copies of INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH free of charge.

I will be able to make available additional copies for any strategic use you have in mind.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 15, 1958

Antioch Review
Post Office Box 268
Yellow Springs, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Please send us one (1) copy of The Antioch Review No. 1, 1958, containing the article "Can Segregation Survive in an Industrial Society?" Send to me in care of the above address and bill the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

August 15, 1958

U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send the following publications to me in care of the above address. Bill the Southern Regional Council for charges.

1. Investigation of Communist Activities in the New Orleans, La., Area.
2. Hearing Before the Committee on Un-American Activities, House of Representatives, 85th Congress, First Session. February 15, 1957 (88987) 1957.

2. Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States.
Hearings Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 84th Congress, 2nd Session, on Scope of Soviet Activity in the United States April 5, 6, 1956 (Part 12) (72723) 1956.

3. Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.
Hearing Before the Subcommittee described above, 83rd Congress, Second Session, on Subversive Influence in Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. March 18, 19, and 20, 1954. (45629) 1955.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

August 15, 1958

Mr. Orzell Billingsley, Jr.
1630 4th Avenue N.
Suite 510-512
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Billingsley:

The Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights has discontinued its office and has asked that we forward a copy of INDUSTRIALIZATION: ACCENT ON THE SOUTH to you.

A copy of this booklet is being mailed to you under separate cover.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 15, 1958

Mr. Peter A. Hall
1630 4th Avenue N.
Suite 510-512
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Hall:

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Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

Enclosures sent to Virginius Dabney,
August 15, 1958

"Dixie Interracial Group Formed for
Good Will", Atl. Const. Aug. 6, 1943

The Southern Frontier. March 1944

Statement of Incorporators - 4/21/57

Minutes of Meeting of Incorporators.
Feb. 11, 1944
Min. of Meeting of Charter Members.
Feb. 16, 1944
Firing Line Analysis
News and Courier Editorial - June 25, 1957
Hodding Carter Editorial - Aug. 25, 1957
Statement of Trustees - Wes. Mem. Bldg.
The Southern Patriot - May 1945

VIA AIR MAIL   August 15, 1958

Mr. Virginius Dabney
Editor
The Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

Following up our telephone conversation of today, I send you the enclosed materials concerning the origins of the Southern Regional Council. I am including a few editorials in which these charges were rebutted by Ralph McGill and Hodding Carter.

The published account of a dinner for Justice Black, sponsored by the Southern Conference for Human Welfare, is of special interest since it shows the kind of respectable and even conservative leaders the Southern Conference was able to involve in its affairs as late as 1945.

As indicated in our own reply to the charges aired in the Firing Line, we believe that the Southern Regional Council is completely defensible as a responsible and patriotic organization that has never reflected the slightest sympathy for Communist doctrine. To leave unchallenged statements to the contrary in respectable newspapers would be to acquiesce in the injury of many fine reputations, as well as in damage to the

Council as an organization.

I strongly hope that we may look forward to some appropriate statement of correction in the *Times-Dispatch*.

With appreciation for your prompt and thorough attention to the problem, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Highlander Folk School
Monteagle, Tennessee

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August 18, 1958

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Mr. President:

Difficulties related to school desegregation have beset the South since 1954. Our internal peace has been disrupted, our people's spirits have been tormented, our nation's name has been tarnished abroad, and - above all - our children, white as well as Negro have suffered from this impassioned conflict. The new school year is but a few weeks away. In several districts of the Commonwealth of Virginia and depending on the decision of the Court of Appeals, at Little Rock again, there is the prospect of discord. We know that you pray as anxiously as we that the disorders of September 1957 will not re-occur.

For the Council of Southerners of both races which we represent, and for ourselves personally, we think it our obligation to advise you that, in our considered judgment, defiance of law, extending even to violence, may be anticipated unless prompt and appropriate action is taken by the Executive Branch of the Federal Government.

As Southerners, we are well aware that since 1954 there has been a failure of Southern leadership for peaceful desegregation of schools. We recognize this with chagrin and with humility. The South is, however, not a separate land, but a part of an indivisible nation. In this situation, and with special concern for the children who may be the real victims of our follies, we appeal to you, not for sensational action, but for certain simple yet indispensable contributions to the maintenance of peace and lawfulness in our region.

Specifically, we believe there are two acts which you alone can take, and which are a critical necessity.

First, we urge that you publicly declare in advance of the opening of the schools, that the orders of federal courts will be enforced. We believe this should be said calmly, clearly, positively. We believe that such a statement from you would do more to assure order and compliance with law than could anything else which is practicable at this moment.

Second, we urge that you instruct the Department of Justice to make advance preparations to meet any of the several situations which may develop.

We know that we do not speak for all Southerners; we know as well that we state the desires and convictions of thousands who are not truly represented by the loud voices which presume to express the authentic beliefs of all the South.

We sincerely believe that our commitment to equal opportunity and rights for all races is the patriotic, just, and rational faith. We believe that this equality we cherish can and will be established in the South, and that the greatest impediment to its present realization is the near breakdown of law and order.

We submit these thoughts to you mindful of the unequalled power for good which is inherent in your office.

Respectfully yours,

James M. Dabbs
President

Marion A. Wright
Vice-President

Albert W. Dent
Vice-President

B. R. Brazeal

John A. Griffin

Duncan Hunter

Miss Josephine Wilkins

Paul Williams
Vice-President

Paul Christopher

Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton

Father Alexander O. Sigur

John H. Wheeler

The Executive Committee

August 18, 1958

Mrs. Aaron Farr
934 - 79th Terrace
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Farr:

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Corrected on original

The 1958 workshop will be at Clark College, Atlanta, October 16-17. We would like so much to have you as a resource person and we hope you will accept this invitation. If you will send us the names of two of your key women in each of the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, the Carolinas, Tennessee and Virginia, listing them first and alternate, we will send them information and an invitation to be with us. Fortunately, we have funds for travel and entertainment.

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Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosure

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

August 18, 1958

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President
Temple Sisterhood, Southern Region
P. O. Box 6266
St. Petersburg Beach, Florida

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Mr. Robert H. Spiro, Jr.
Blue Ridge Assembly, Inc.
Black Mountain, N. C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing one copy of "Changing Patterns in the New South" @ .50 per copy, an issue of New South magazine - June issue, Southern Negro, Segregation Costs, Public Ethics and the Integration Question and a copy of Journal & Guide along with a publication list.

Since we did not know if you wished fifteen copies of "Changing Patterns in the New South" we did not send them. If you desire any other material listed, please let us hear from you.

Very truly yours,

(Mrs.) Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

RHA/bcc

Air Mail

August 18, 1958

Mr. E. W. Richter
Producer
Station WBAA
Purdue University
Lafayette, Indiana

Dear Mr. Richter:

I regret that I have been out of the office on the account of illness for the past three weeks, hence the delay in answering your letter.

I will be glad to meet you at 1:30, Saturday, August 23, at this office.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

August 18, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Fleischman:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, I am complying with your request of August 15th that carbon copies of letters sent to Messrs. Daly, McAndrew and Mickelson be passed on to you for further follow-up by Mr. Krents. Enclosed are the same.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mildred Flowers
Secretary to Mr. Fleming

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Same ltr. sent to:

Mr. John Daly
American Broadcasting Co.
N. Y.

Mr. Sig Mickelson
Columbia Broadcasting System
N. Y.

See Harry Fleischman's ltr. dtd. Aug. 151958

VIA AIR MAIL August 18, 1958

Mr. William McAndrew
Vice-President
NBC News Department
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McAndrew:

The Southern Regional Council, a bi-racial organization in the South dealing with the problem of human relations, is very much concerned with the possible tension situations which may arise in various cities in the South this September, when they are faced with application of court orders on desegregation in their public schools.

We know that the national television and radio networks want to present this picture in as illuminating a manner as possible.

We believe that we can be of service to the networks by bringing their appropriate personnel into contact with key Southern race relations professionals before the opening of the school year. They have been working in such critical areas as Little Rock, Arkansas, and Charlottesville, Newport News, Norfolk and Arlington, Virginia.

The people we have in mind are thoroughly familiar with these communities. They know the plans that have been made to comply with the

Supreme Court decision or to avoid compliance. They know the forces in the communities and how they are likely to line up. They are aware of where there is likely to be trouble, and where not; where there may be violence and where law and order will probably be preserved.

We cordially invite you and such colleagues as you wish to bring along to meet with us for lunch and for an entirely off-the-record discussion on Wednesday, August 27, 1958 from 12:00 noon to about 2:00 P. M., at the Hotel Roosevelt, Vanderbilt Room, Parlors 3, 4 and 5, Madison Avenue and 45th Street. I have asked my good friend Milton Krents to discuss this matter with you further and make all final arrangements. He can be reached at 386 Fourth Avenue, New York City (Telephone: Murray Hill 5-0181 or Lexington 2-1370.)

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY August 19, 1958

The Roosevelt Hotel
Madison Avenue at 45th Street
New York, New York

Gentlemen:

Would you please reserve five single rooms for the Southern Regional Council for the night of Tuesday, August 26. These will be occupied by:

Mr. Harold C. Fleming, Atlanta, Georgia
Mr. Fred Routh " "
Mrs. Bonita Valien, Nashville, Tennessee

The names of the occupants of the remaining two rooms will be sent to you in several days.

If possible, please provide a studio room or like accommodation for Mr. Fleming.

Please confirm by wire, collect.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 19, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Chief - Voting and Elections Section
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked me to reply to your letter of the 11th.

The attached clippings should clear up the confusion surrounding the several Georgia registration laws. The voter registration law of 1949, generally thought to be an effort to limit Negro voting, provided that all of the names of the State's approximately 1,200,000 registered voters would be thrown out and that all persons then registered would have to re-register under the provisions of the new law. Thereafter, during 1949, only some 360,000 persons registered. Many former voters, especially in the rural areas and smaller counties of the State, showed no inclination to register before the gubernatorial elections of the spring of 1950.

The General Assembly of 1950 postponed until 1952 the effective date of the voter registration act of 1949. The General Assembly of 1952 combined the voter registration lists of 1948 and 1950, in effect repealing much of the act of 1949.

I trust the enclosed clippings will clear up this matter to your satisfaction.

Unfortunately, we do not have in our files any information concerning official comments relative to the deliberate omission, from official records, of references to racial motivation.

If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures:

"Foes of New Vote Law Gird for Repeal Battle" - Atl. Const. 1/13/50
Excerpt from: "Text of Talmadge's Progress Address to Assembly Opening" - Atl. Journal, 1/14/52
"125 General Bills Passed by Assembly..." - Atl. Journal, 2/13/52
"General Bills Passed This Term" - Atl. Journal, 2/14/50

August 19, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Following a telephone conversation with Gordon Tiffany yesterday, Harold made a hasty departure for Washington to deliver the Executive Committee's letter. He wanted you to be informed of this fact. Whatever the outcome, you will, of course, receive a complete report from Harold on his return.

The staff is now preparing the report requested by the Executive Committee on insurance, retirement benefits, and the like. You will receive this shortly, John Griffin has called and indicated that, having initiated the idea with the Committee, he wants to write you with concrete suggestions on the matter of writing certain foundation people. You should hear from him this week.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 19, 1958

Mr. Lewis Carnahan
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carnahan:

We have noted the change in Mr. Tajuddin Ahmed's schedule and have revised his hotel reservations accordingly.

This may necessitate cancellation of a visit to surrounding rural areas, otherwise there are no difficulties in this change.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 19, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold
1220 W. Captial
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I am enclosing our check in the sum of $200 which represents the contribution made to the Arkansas Council by Mr. H. Charles Johnston. In order to cover tax exempt requirements we have to run his check through our books; that is why we did not endorse and return his check to you.

Enclosed is our receipt for $200. This may be used by Mr. Johnston for tax exempt purposes. We leave it to you to thank him for the contribution.

Congratulations on turning up so healthy a donation.

Regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encls: check and receipt

August 20, 1958

Mr. Philip Heller
Jewish Labor Committee
25 East 78th Street
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Heller:

Please send me one copy of the tape of Harry Golden's address, "A Southerner Looks at Integration", and bill me accordingly.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 20, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Educational
Director, IUE
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Enclosed is the photograph of the labor panel held at Fisk. The photographer had failed to include this shot with those which he sent to me earlier. I can see why. This is the only one of the photographs which was not sufficiently sharp and contrasty.

We got back from Virginia in a fairly beat state. The time at the beach together was real fine and we are greatly appreciative of your making this opportunity available to us.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

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enc. photograph

VIA AIR MAIL August 20, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Here is a memo which I hope will be helpful in your counselling of the Field board. Garrison wrote, pro forma, that he would like a copy of any suggestions sent to you, but I wasn't sure I should send him this. If you feel I should, please let me know.

A supplementary word or two on the proposals for SRC:

I could hardly say so in the memo, but recent events point up more than ever the Council's importance in the mass media and government agency fields. Along with my memo to you, I'm including a confidential report to our executive committee on our recent push in Washington. Also, we are going through with the briefing of the top TV network news people, Daly included, next Wednesday in New York. As you'll appreciate, these are things we can't talk about, but are the things that really count.

On the personnel front, we have two excellent prospects for the RBF job, one of which should pan out shortly. As to point 1 in the memo to you, I will have more to say about the guy we have in mind for this position -- if the proposal strikes a spark.

If anything in the attached seems unclear or incomplete, let me know.

All the best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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MEMORANDUM August 20, 1958

To: Mr. Vernon A. Eagle

From: Harold C. Fleming

Re: SUGGESTED USES OF FOUNDATION MONEY IN THE SOUTH.

- 1 -

Let me begin with three comments on foundation procedures.

First, I heartily endorse the suggestion, advanced in our conference, that the foundation have a staff member concerned primarily with race relations. This would help both the human relations efforts and the foundation's grant-making program in this field.

Secondly, a good many opportunities for effective aid to efforts in the South arise suddenly. A contingency fund, to be used in the discretion of the foundation staff, is the best way to meet these needs. This is particularly true of religious and interagency efforts. A few thousand dollars available for meritorious needs can often make an important difference. $10,000 or so per year might well be a reserve fund for such program needs. This would be effective only if foundation staff were in touch with developments in the field.

Thirdly, a distinction should be made between long-range, developmental approaches to the South's problems and immediate, action-oriented efforts. A good many of the large foundations can be interested in the former; very few in the latter. I should hate to see foundations like Field and New World supporting established institutions and fundamental programs that the Ford Foundation or the Fund for the Advancement of Education might logically be expected to take on.

It seems to me most of the ideas we discussed in the field of education fall in the developmental category, as do many of those in economics. An exception should be made of relatively brief and inexpensive studies which, well distributed and publicized, might cue major public and private groups to new needs or opportunities. Phil Hammer's written proposals deserve consideration in these terms. Some of the educational needs discussed might similarly be put into focus through studies - though this seems clearly in the FAE's area of responsibility.

The Southern Regional Council

General Support. -- As I said in the conference, an organization like SRC is only as effective as its staff and total resources make it. A fair number of foundations will consider support to projects - mostly on the order of $5,000 or $10,000. But few will consider general support. To attract and hold able staff members, to meet opportunities and crises as they arise, SRC's greatest need is for grants in support of the total operation, renewable for three to five years.

Of course, there are projects and projects. Some - like the Consultant Service Program - are basic program efforts that would call for general-budget support if project funds weren't available. The Field Foundation is currently aiding a special survey of voting - $10,000 for one year. This is a valuable project, though obviously not in itself an integral, on-going function of SRC.

If necessary, basic needs of SRC can be "packaged" as separate projects. Following are the ways in which we feel SRC's effectiveness can best be strengthened, whether through general assistance or earmarked grants:

(1) Addition to the staff of a top-level professional as "Project Coordinator." His qualifications would be experience in intergroup relations, grasp of program and strategy, knowledge of survey techniques, and articulateness. He would work directly under the executive director.

This proposal is the result of considerable analysis and discussion within the existing staff. We feel that adding this position would do more than any other staff increase to raise the total productivity of SRC. At present, the professional staff members are working near capacity in their various specialties. Projects can draw on part-time and temporary consultants, but the problem of full-time staff direction and supervision remains. The proposed staff member would assist the director in implementation of such special efforts as the voting study, the various joint projects of the Southern Interagency Conference, and supplementary services to the Consultant Service Program and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund project, soon to begin. Further projects, now virtually prohibited by lack of staff time, could be undertaken. Cost: For salary, clerical, travel, etc., $15,000 to $20,000 annually for three to five years.

(2) Work with mass media and government agencies. In the interest of space I will say only that some of SRC's most effective work and most promising opportunities lie in these areas. Adding the position described above would help in this area by freeing staff time now otherwise absorbed. Additional funds for travel, communications, preparation of information, and temporary use of specialists are also needed. Cost: $10,000 annually.

(3) Aid to State Councils on Human Relations. These groups, in many Southern States, are almost the only channels for communication and cooperation by whites and Negroes. They are working demonstrations of the fact that the White Citizens Councils do not represent the whole South. The single professional staff member of each Council must spend inordinate time in local fund-raising -- difficult indeed in today's climate. Foundation aid to selected Councils, or in a lump sum

to be distributed on merit by SRC, would release time and skill for sorely needed program in the States. Cost: $25,000 - $40,000 per year for three to five years.

Non-SRC Suggestions

(1) Legal aid to beleaguered dissenters in the South deserves high priority. ACLU, AJCommittee, AJCongress, and ADL are cooperating in attempts to set up such a program; though ACLU is not tax-exempt, the other three agencies might receive foundation funds for this purpose. Another possibility is AFSC, which might set up a counselling program broader in scope than its expiring "Rights of Conscience" program. Estimated cost would depend on various decisions, but would probably be $20,000 or more per year.

(2) Merit employment. The existing programs - AFSC, Urban League - should be looked over for opportunities to enlarge their effectiveness with relatively modest infusions of money. Somebody needs to take on the job of counselling national management, both before and after it launches Southern plants and branches. In-service vocational training and work with the President's Committee on Government Contracts should get more attention. Cost: to be determined by discussion with the agencies.

(3) The YMCA (and YWCA?) College Programs. The YMCA program has expended its Fund for the Republic grant and is seeking new support. The effectiveness of the program would depend heavily on the person chosen as director. But the effort has been a useful one and, with sound staffing, deserves further support. If the YWCA program similarly depends on new funds for continuance, it would deserve as much if not more consideration. Cost: at least $15,000 each per year.

(4) Religious social action agencies. Continued staffed work in race relations within the churches is a must. As the Fund for the Republic grants indicated, foundations can do an important job of "pump-priming" in this area. It may be that the main contribution henceforth can best be made through the contingency-fund method mentioned earlier - that is funds available on fairly short notice for special-purpose conferences,

publications, or other projects that promise good results. In any case, careful attention to potentialities in this area should be part of any foundation program in race relations.

(5) Local Urban Leagues. The program and financial needs of these agencies would have to be considered specifically and individually. But, in general, they are highly useful local organizations, some having special needs because of loss of Chest support.

(6) Police performance. The Southern Regional Council is making some effort in this crucial field. The ADL and NCCJ are experienced in arranging and staffing police training courses in human relations. These agencies and perhaps the Southern Police Institute at Louisville should be explored as instruments through which maintenance of law and order can be furthered.

(7) The international implications of our racial practices need to be better understood, particularly in the South. One proposal made within SRC is that a widely publicized institute on this subject be held in the South. The object would be to dramatize this critical issue by involvement of prestige figures in the international field. Either through this or some other device, there is a job to be done here.

(8) Social scientists. So far these specialists have made little contribution to race relations, as a professional group. There is continuing talk of the desirability of an inter-disciplinary conference on the role of the social scientists in race relations. Under sound leadership - perhaps that of Bill Whyte - such a conference would be worthwhile. Again, interaction between foundation staff and developments in the professions would be a pre-requisite to effective grant-making.

August 20, 1958

The attached release sent to the following:

Associated Press

Unite d Press International

Christian Science Monitor - Dallas, Tex.

Atlanta Constitutionn

Atlanta Journal

Associated Negro Press

Atlanta Daily World

Journal and Guide

READ BY PHONE TO FOLLOWING:

Claude Sitton - NY Times

Bob Baker - Washington Post

John Popham - Chatt. Times

Sent also to: Gordon Tiffany
Comm. on Civil
Rights
Washington, D. C.

NEWS RELEASE FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia
August 20, 1958
Phone: Jackson 2-8764

[Following is the text of a statement released today by the Southern Regional Council, through its headquarters in Atlanta. The Council is a long-established organization of professional, business, labor, and religious leaders in twelve Southern states; its declared aim is "equal opportunity for all the South's people."]

The prepared statement made by President Eisenhower at his news conference on Wednesday will be welcomed by all Southerners concerned with the maintenance of public order and respect for law. The Southern Regional Council commends him and the language of his announcement. It will bring sobering truth to the defiant elements in some states. The President has told them that there will be no ambiguity in executive leadership and that the laws of the land will be enforced.

When the Supreme Court in 1954 handed down the desegregation decisions it declared the constitutional rights of all persons. The Court wisely delegated the enforcement of its decision to the judges of the District Courts, and authorized them to use their experienced judgment in approving or disapproving plans which would be developed by school authorities in the localities. The country, and the South in particular, owe great thanks to the District judges, who have exercised this heavy responsibility with patience, understanding and courage. It is clearly not true that the courts are forcing the South to move with revolutionary speed. In Arkansas, Tennessee, Virginia and elsewhere, the judges have shown willingness to permit temperate, planned developments; they have encouraged and supported local initiative.

But the President made clear, as the Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit did on Monday, that violence, intimidation and public disorder will not be allowed to set aside the law.

We commend the President also for his reminder that, "Each state owes to its inhabitants, to its sister states and to the union the obligation to suppress unlawful forces." All Southerners are united in hoping that there will not again be armed troops guarding our school buildings. But let us make sure that the events which led to the sending of those troops will not again occur. That is the responsibility of state and local officials, and of public opinion within the South. The President's statement will be greeted with the usual angry protests from some. We think that now, if ever, is the time for moderate Southerners of both races who do not share this contempt for law and for human rights to express their agreement with the President's calm insistence on legality.

* END *

August 21, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dr. John O'Connor
5115 Moorland Lane
Bethesda 14, Maryland

Dear Dr. O'Connor

Your letter was forwarded to me here in Atlanta but since I was out on an assignment at the time additional delay was occasioned. I hope this note gets to you in time to be of service.

As I understand it the comments and discussions at the Friday and Saturday afternoon sessions will be based upon the main presentations of Friday morning and evening and Saturday morning. This suggests a certain amount of flexibility in the short presentations of the consultants. In line with this reasoning the following alternative plans are offered for my remarks:

Plan I

A broad delineation of the context within which public school desegregation in the South is taking place, mentioning briefly:

a-The persistence of traditional attitudes about race relations which may be summed up, perhaps, by the phrase, "caste-pattern of thought".

b-The sometimes underestimated importance of political considerations, their ecological foundations and their consequences in terms of resistance groups, selective news releases and a deliberately conceived propaganda campaign to induce a distorted view of the South.

c-The impersonal forces for change - industrialization and urbanization. The increased mobility of southern people and the invasion of the "Yankees".

d-The increased determination and high morale of the Negro people.

e-The continuing activity of liberal groups in the South in spite of terrific pressures.

f-The constrictive pressure upon "hard core" areas at the center by virtue of more and more desegregation around the edges.

Plan II

Since I have in hand some materials on the status of higher education in Kentucky, my contribution might be confined to this area.

Plan III

A third alternative is to give a brief account of desegregation at the University of Louisville.

Perhaps, since you must already have suggestions from all the other consultants, you might select from the foregoing anything that would fill a gap which seems to be developing in the presentations.

Cordially yours,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

August 21, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis, Executive Director
Catholic Interracial Council
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Mr. Davis:

Since I received your check for my travel expense to Chicago I find that my summer tour of duty with the Southern Regional Council will extend through the middle of September. This means that I will be on loan from the Southern Regional Council during the period of the conference in Chicago. I have turned in the check you sent to SRC. The round trip fare Atlanta-Chicago is $91.52. You may send a check for the difference ($50.38) to me or directly to SRC as you prefer.

I expect to arrive in Chicago late Thursday afternoon.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

Enclosures: Copy of HCF ltr. to Hon. Wm. Rogers - dtd. 8/21/58
"A Brief Account of the Origins and Aims of SRC"
Mimeographed Board List
SRC News Release re: Presidential News Conf. - 8/20/58
Atl. Const. Editorial - "Ike Cites His Oath..."
August 21, 1958
also: Chatt. Times Article 8/21/58

VIA AIR MAIL August 21, 1958

Mr. W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Mr. Rogers, with the enclosures, which you may find of interest.

You were kindness itself to give me so much time in the midst of a busy day. I only wish we could have pursued further several of the matters we discussed.

Since Mr. Rogers expressed an interest in our membership, I am also sending for your files a board list which includes brief identifications and a short history of the Council.

Let me know whenever we can be of service to you in your vitally important work.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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Enclosures

Enclosures: Atlanta Const. Editorial - "Ike Cites His Oath..."
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SRC News Release re: Presidential News Conf.
8/20/58

also:
Chatt Times Article - 8/21/58

VIA AIR MAIL August 21, 1958

The Honorable William P. Rogers
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

This is to express my appreciation for the generous opportunity on Tuesday to discuss with you and Mr. White our mutual concerns. I hope I made it clear that in your efforts to advance civil rights you and your associates have no firmer supporters than this Council. We are eager to be of all possible assistance to the Department.

We were deeply gratified by the President's fine statement yesterday on integration problems. It could not have been more timely and is sure to have a constructive effect in the South. Enclosed is a copy of a public statement by the Southern Regional Council supporting the President's views, as well as a favorable editorial from the Atlanta Constitution.

We shall be sending Mr. White information that may be of interest to the Civil Rights Division. Do call on us at any time we can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

August 21, 1958

Mr. Robert W. Ozanne, Director
School for Workers
University Extension Division
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Bob:

This is a quick note before I leave town again so that you will have my expenses in time. They are as follows: for travel and expenses from Atlanta, Georgia to Madison, Wisconsin, $123.10.

It was indeed good to have met with you and staff. Your program is solid and impressive. You will have another letter from me shortly.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via;
signed in his absence)

EFV:ls

August 21, 1958

Mr. David R. Baldwin, Research Associate
Pennsylvania Economy League, Inc.
1029 Union Trust Building
Pittsburg 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

Your letter of August 12th to Harold Fleming has been referred to me. The request for information on the Georgia Legislature's annual session plan and the alternate year budget session is a little far afield for us. We are very much interested in some aspects of state governmental affairs but usually as they relate to that complex which makes up the human relations picture in our region.

Three sources of information come to mind. Each is responsible with long experience in the workings of Georgia's government and a constructive interest in obtaining practical efficiency. They are:

The League of Women Voters of Georgia
78 Marietta Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Professor Cullen B. Gosnell
Department of Political Science
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Rep. (state) James Mackay
Masonic Temple Building
Decatur, Georgia

I trust that these leads will help you obtain the information in which you are interested.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(signed in his absence)

EFV:ls

August 21, 1958

Mr. J. W. Holder, Executive Secretary
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Bill:

Here is my statement of expenses for the trip to the Tri-State Labor School. The total for travel and expenses came to $57.34.

It looked like a very good school and I was most happy to have the opportunity to participate in it. Please feel free to call on me at any time I can be of service to you, the North Carolina State AFL-CIO, or to the Tri-State Labor School.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but
signed in his absence)

EFV:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL
Atlanta, Georgia

MEMORANDUM August 21, 1958

To: John Hope, II
John Alexander
Bonita Valien
Thomas W. Young
Colbert S. Cartwright

From: Harold C. Fleming

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We are delighted that each of you finds it possible to take part in our off-the-record luncheon with top news and public affairs personnel of the three major television networks. This is to give you some details on the plans as they have finally shaped up.

The luncheon is scheduled for the Roosevelt Hotel, Vanderbilt Room, Parlors 3, 4 and 5, Madison Avenue and 45th Street, beginning at noon and ending officially at 2:00 P. M., though some of the television people might like to stay on a while longer for further discussion.

I hope that you can meet for a preliminary planning session in my room at the Roosevelt Hotel at 10:00 A. M. Since this will probably require arrival in New York Tuesday night, we are making reservations at the Roosevelt for the out-of-towners for the night of the 26th. All of the expenses incident to your participation in this affair will, of course, be paid by the Southern Regional Council. The time is growing short, but let us know if you would like travel advance and we will send off a check to you at once.

Since we will only have two (2) hours in which to eat, have the background presentations by the five consultants, and allow for questions and discussion, our timing will have to be pretty tight. Therefore, please plan for an initial presentation on your community of about ten (10) minutes. Allowing for eating, introductions, and so on, this should leave us something better than thirty (30) minutes for the television executives to raise questions.

As to the nature and content of the presentations, we will rely on your judgment. The object is to present a dispassionate analysis of the situation in each community, briefly how it got that way, the significant community forces pro and con, and the most likely alternative developments that may be anticipated in September. Keep in mind that the discussion period will undoubtedly allow for further development of the most important points which you will have to slight in so brief a presentation.

I am sure you understand that our basic purpose is to give these important media people sound background and analysis that will increase the chance of nature and constructive television news coverage in September. We want to avoid the appearance of missionaries or special pleaders, but leave them with what we conceive to be a balanced picture free of the myths and stereotypes which frequently creep into news treatments of racial controversies.

I am enclosing a brief overall background document* which we are sending to the television executives who will be our guests. The present indications are that between seven and ten of them will attend the luncheon.

If there are questions that I have left unanswered or matters which you feel it important for us to discuss before Wednesday morning, don't hesitate to call me collect.

Our thanks and best personal regards.

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*Will follow.

August 21, 1958

Miss Marjorie Bailey
1830 R Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Marjorie:

The Council is deeply appreciative of your interest and the contribution which you sent. Enclosed is our official receipt.

We are not a regular membership organization. The members of the Council are essentially the Board of Directors of the Council - a group of some eighty Southerners of both races and from professional, business, church, and labor affiliations.

Your contribution will make certain that you will receive our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH, and other materials of interest which we either publish or distribute. Again, our warm thanks for your interest and contribution.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via; signed in
his absence)

EFV:ls
enc. receipt.

VIA AIR MAIL

August 22, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Harry:

Here is the brief background summary which I have sent to our prospective guests at the Wednesday luncheon. I sent four (4) copies each to Gitlin, Daly, and McAndrew.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 ("State Vs Federal Authority...")

VIA AIR MAIL August 22, 1958

Mr. Irving Gitlin
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Gitlin:

Enclosed are several copies of a brief background memorandum on the school situation in Virginia which we wanted you to have in anticipation of our luncheon on Wednesday.

Milton Krents has advised me that we may expect you and probably several of your associates. I am looking forward with pleasure to meeting you then.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 4 ("State Vs Federal Authority...")

VIA AIR MAIL August 22, 1958

Mr. William McAndrew
Vice-President
NBC News Department
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McAndrew:

Enclosed are several copies of a brief background memorandum on the school situation in Virginia which we wanted you to have in anticipation of our luncheon on Wednesday.

Milton Krents has given me the welcome news that we may expect you, Mr. Meyers, and Mr. Frank. I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you then.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 4 ("State Vs Federal Authority...")

VIA AIR MAIL August 22, 1958

Mr. John Daly
Vice-President
News Department
American Broadcasting Company
39 West 66th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Daly:

Enclosed are several copies of a brief background memorandum on the school situation in Virginia which we wanted you to have in anticipation of our luncheon on Wednesday.

Milton Krents has given me the very welcome news that we may expect you and Mr. Howe to be with us. I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you then.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 4 ("State Vs Federal Authority...")

August 22, 1958

Dr. Aaron Brown
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Brown:

We were pleased to get the news release for July 30th describing in broad outline the interesting project which you are directing. You must make it a point to come by the SRC office when you are in Atlanta for further discussions of it. Since my stint with the Council is nearing an end, it is probable that I will not be here when you arrive. However, several members of the permanent staff are eager to learn more about what you have been doing because it is so directly pertinent to our operation.

I am a person with two hats, sometimes I am not sure which I am wearing. One hat is the Southern Regional Council, but the one I wear most of the time is the University of Louisville. Both interests are tied in with your project. Included with this letter is a project proposal which I wish you would read and then pass along to Wilton Dillon for his comments.

I can be in New York September 2-3 if one or both of you will be available for conference on either or both of these days. Since I am leaving for Chicago next Wednesday (August 27), I would like to know about your availability prior to that departure date. Please write me here or wire me collect. If I do not hear from you in time, I will make all the necessary arrangements to be there and then call you for confirmation before I leave Atlanta.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls
enc.

August 25, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller, Chairman
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear A. C.:

I am enclosing a copy of a memo which has been sent to other State Organization Chairmen and Executive Directors. This memo is applicable to the Tennessee Council in every aspect save one: the limitation of the 1959 allocation-request to the amount of the current allocation. In the case of the Tennessee Council, we would look with an understanding eye upon a request to SRC for modestly increased allocation since you have recently staffed the organization. Such a request should not exceed $4,000.00.

We are well pleased that the Tennessee Council has a new Director. In the next few weeks he will, no doubt, be fully occupied in the Nashville area's developing situation. After things calm down a bit, we would welcome a visit from him to discuss the relationship between SRC and the State Organizations and possible program developments in Tennessee.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. John Pate
enc. memo

August 25, 1958

Mrs. James S. Crate
2410 Inwood Drive
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Aunt Margaret:

I am sending along a copy of a memo which has been sent to other State Organization Chairmen and Executive Directors.

Should the Texas Council decide to crank up within SRC's framework, we would consider a request - based on this memo - for further financial assistance to the Texas Council.

We would need to be assured that the Board of Directors is four-square behind such a proposal and is willing and able to supervise its carrying-out.

With all good wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c. c. Ed Kloppe
enc. memo

August 25, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Willie:

I tried to call you the other day on an urgent matter. You were on vacation and unfortunately have no home phone. Isn't there some way you can get a phone? As I recall, if a phone is required in line with your business you get top priority. I would suggest you check into this.

I wanted to ask you to get support from the Miami area and from the Florida Council Board members for the President's strong statement on the role of the Federal government in the desegregation controversy. I got Seymour to carry the ball since I couldn't reach you.

Thanks for the copy of your news release on the pamphlet "The South Speaks Out". I note that it comes from the Dade County Council on Community Relations and the Florida Council on Human Relations, but in the text you are identified only as Executive Director of the Dade County Council. It is my assumption that your chief responsibility is to the Florida Council and billing you otherwise might lead to some confusion.

I hope you had a pleasant vacation and are now back on the job raring to go. I trust that it will be possible for you to visit Gainesville before the opening of the fall semester. My understanding is that Tallahassee will also desegregate its graduate and professional schools; a visit there would also be helpful.

Regards to you and the family!

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 25, 1958

Mr. Will Campbell
National Council of Churches
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Daddy Will:

Have had no word from you since August 15th regarding developments of the proposed "Consensus of Conscience" conference of Virginia ministers. What's up?

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

August 25, 1958

Mr. John Pate, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear John:

Welcome aboard, as we used to say in the Navy. It's good to know that the Tennessee Council has staffed up again. I imagine you will be kept busy in the Nashville area during the first few weeks of September.

After things calm down a bit we would be glad to have you visit the Atlanta office and talk with us about SRC and its relationship to the state organizations.

We recently had a phone call from a Miss Mattie T. Wilroy, former director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews office in Memphis, indicating an interest in working probably part-time in the field of race relations. I don't have her address but you could reach her through the Rev. McDaniels, Vice-President of the Tennessee Council and Director of the Memphis Urban League.

A good guy to know in the Knoxville area is Galin Martin, Executive Secretary of the Knoxville Area Council on Human Relations. His address is P. O. Box 887, Knoxville, Tennessee. Galin is now on the staff of the Unitarian Service Committee and is assigned to the job in Knoxville. He is the former Director of the Kentucky Council on Human Relations.

If we can be of help in any way please feel free to call on us. All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

August 25, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF
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From: EFV

The office of the Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights in Washington, D. C., which was run by Ben Segal, has now been officially closed. The only office address now proper for Ben Segal is as follows:

Mr. Ben D. Segal, Director
Education Department, IUE, AFL-CIO
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Ben should continue on our regular and special mailing lists.

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August 25, 1958

Judiciary Committee
U. S. Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send the following U. S. Government publication to me in care of the above address and bill the Southern Regional Council for its cost.

Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc.
Hearing Before the Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws of the Committee on the Judiciary, U. S. Senate, 83rd Congress, Second Session, on Subversive Influence in Southern Conference Educational Fund, Inc. March 18, 19, and 20, 1954. (45629) 1955.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

August 25, 1958

U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We are enclosing $ .60 in advance payment for the two pamphlets described in the attached letter.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 3

Daily File

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

August 25, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: State Organization Chairmen
and Executive Directors

From: Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director, SRC

Subj: Financial Assistance for 1959

The Executive Committee of the Southern Regional Council has instructed the central staff to prepare recommendations for presentation to the Council at its Annual Meeting concerning financial assistance to the state organizations for 1959. What SRC is able to do will depend on two things - funds in sight and the needs and performance of the state councils.

To enable us to adequately evaluate the program development and financial needs of your state organization, we are asking you to prepare two documents. These should be in the central office no later than October first.

I

PROGRAM PROPOSAL. This should be a detailed narrative report containing: (1) a summary of the program activities of your Council for the period July 1-August 31, (i.e. the short-period quarterly report we agreed upon at Fisk); (2) an analysis of conditions, forces operating in the state, prospective developments on the human relations front; and (3) the proposed program of your state organization for 1959 - including its relationship to item 2 above.

This should be in sufficient detail and in such form that it could be used with foundations in fund-raising efforts.

II

FINANCIAL REPORT. This report should contain three sections: (1) a summary report of total receipts and total expenditures for the fiscal years 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57, and 1957-Sept. 1, 1958; (2) the proposed 1959 budget for your state organization; and (3) what part of it you request from SRC. In relation to that last point, SRC's Executive Committee instructed us that requests for 1959 allocations to state organizations are not to exceed the 1958 allocation.

Please note again the deadline: these reports should be in SRC's office not later than October 1, 1958.

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

August 25, 1958

Mr. Conrad N. Hilton, President
Hilton Hotels Corporation
9970 Santa Monica Boulevard
Beverly Hills, California

Dear Mr. Hilton:

One of the most beautiful things I have seen is "America On Its Knees" which you issued, I believe, in 1953. Recently I ordered a copy from you and received it. Please let me know what cost it would be to get two hundred of the copies to be used in a special meeting of church women leaders from over the South.

I cannot think of anything better to give our women than this prayer as they face the world situation today. Please wire me collect.

Thanking you for this wonderful blessing, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 25, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

Just a reminder for you to circle the dates October 16-17. I am asking you to lead the discussion on the second day. Dorothy Height will present the 10th anniversary of Human Rights at that time in the morning.

I was so glad for the delightful hours I had with you at Emory. I have been most thankful for our friendship and understanding through the years. It has been priceless to me.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 25, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

Please give me the date of your meeting. Would appreciate it by return mail.

I have been away from the office for almost three weeks; two weeks with pneumonia and a week at Emory, hence the delay in writing.

Yes we are quite familiar with the article in the Birmingham paper. We have already demanded a retraction. We have reprints for you of Virginius Dabney's reply. Hodding Carter of Mississippi is also lifting his voice against this libel.

I saw Mrs. Foster in Washington, Friday and she told me she is to be with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 25, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

This is to call to your mind the promise that you thought it would be possible to be with us at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17.

On the last day we will spend our time on the Declaration of Human Rights and its tenth anniversary. I do want you to be the leader of this.

I had a most delightful experience in Washington and a part of it was being with you.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 25, 1958

AIR MAIL

Mr. Nat R. Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear ~~Mr. Griswold~~ NAT:

We can probably let you have up to two hundred copies of the May New South containing the Gainesville ministers' statement, if you think you can conveniently use New South for this purpose.

We are not certain whether you are interested in New South or some other reproduction of the statement. If you are interested in New South, we could let you have these copies free of charge since they apparently are for an excellent purpose.

Please let me know if you can conveniently use the New South for the members of the group you spoke of, and I will get them in the mail.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

VIA AIR MAIL August 25, 1958

Dr. Harry Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

I had hoped to see you this week in New York, but I've just learned by telephone that you're away.

As a second best, enclosed is a confidential report to our executive committee. Since we regard the effort it describes in bare summary as part of the RBF project -- law and order at the summit -- I wanted you to know about it. When we next have a chance to talk, I will fill you in on some of the more colorful details.

I will be in New York Wednesday and Thursday of this week, staging an off-the-record briefing of the top news and public affairs executives of the television networks. A good opportunity for us to cue them to what we consider useful approaches for their coverage of September events in the South.

As to staffing of The Project, we now have two possibilities who look good. The one we prefer probably won't be available for a few months, but we may decide to offer it to him despite the delay. There are useful things we can be doing meanwhile within the framework of the project; and for the long run the quality of the staffing is more important than speed.

Sorry to miss you this trip, but I'll hope for better luck soon.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

Confidential memo to executive committee re: President's letter. (sent also to H. Hoffman & Dave Freeman)

VIA AIR MAIL August 25, 1958

Mr. Sherman Adams
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Adams:

It was most kind of you to see me on such short notice last Tuesday and to give me so generous an opportunity to discuss our letter to President Eisenhower. I am deeply appreciative.

We were, of course, gratified by the President's fine statement on law and order at Wednesday's press conference. It was a wise and effective announcement, and is sure to have a positive effect in the South.

I delayed writing you until I could send the enclosed evidence of the Southern Regional Council's public support of the President's views. There is ample indication that these sentiments are shared by many thoughtful Southerners of both races.

I know the officers of the Council would want me to express not only their thanks, but also our determination to support the principle of local responsibility which the President emphasized.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

August 25, 1958

Father Alexander O. Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S. L. I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Dear Father Sigur:

As one feature of the program of the Southern Regional Council, Southern church women leaders of the three faiths, and both races selected by their own faiths and denominations, are brought together each year in Atlanta to face problems pertinent to our South. We call ourselves "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South (See blue sheet enclosed.)

Some of the best representatives we have had have been Catholic women who have had the experience of integration, and out of their experience have given help to the rest of us.

Would it be possible for you to give me a list of one or two women from each of the following states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, the Carolinas, Mississippi, and Virginia to be invited to our workshop October 16-17?

I would deeply appreciate your interest in this matter. We have funds for travel and entertainment.

With the best of good wishes to you, I remain

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

MF

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

August 25, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: MGF
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From: EFV

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Mr. Ben D. Segal, Director
Education Department, IUE, AFL-CIO
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Ben should continue on our regular and special mailing lists.

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cc mailed to N. Y. address

VIA AIR MAIL

August 25, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

It was good to talk with you Saturday. This is a catch-up letter, in anticipation of seeing you Wednesday or Thursday.

(1) I thought your letters to Eagle and Garrison were wise and helpful. Most grateful for the good words about SRC. Here is a copy of my memo to Eagle, looking toward his meeting with Field board in September. I've reiterated most of your recommendations.

(2) I'm also enclosing a copy of my report to SRC's executive committee on the Washington mission. You may be able to use this information discreetly to further other efforts by AFSC, etc.

(3) We're glad to have the background on Ds. Gericke. We will be planning for his visit.

Until I see you --

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

August 25, 1958

Miss Violaine Junod
Y. W. C. A.
Adams Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Violaine:

Thanks for your two recent notes and the fine publicity from the Alabama Journal. Enclosed is a copy of Virginius Dabney's editorial in the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Since Dabney is one of our back-sliding founders, the editorial should hold professional interest for you.

All good wishes in your morbid research. We'll be looking forward to a full report on your return to Atlanta.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

August 25, 1958

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach News-Journal
128 Orange Avenue
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

The annual meeting is scheduled at Atlanta University on November 11. I hope you and Liliane can be here.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 25, 1958

Mr. James T. McCrory
Director, Community Relations
Board of Police Commissioners
1200 Clark Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Jim:

Thanks for your letter and the welcome news that Colonel Priest and Chief O'Connell are willing to cooperate.

The opportunity has had careful consideration in Charlottesville. Because of the short time remaining before school-opening, it now appears that they will not take advantage of our proposal. This is also likely to be the case in the other Virginia communities.

If there should be any last-minute change of mind, I will be in touch with you. But in any case, it is clear that we are in for a long and difficult period of turbulence, and I have no doubt we will be calling on you for quiet assistance later if not now.

Meanwhile, appreciation and best regards to you, Colonel Priest, and Chief O'Connell.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 25, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

This is to acknowledge with thanks, AJC's check for $250, to be applied on the join fact-finding project.

I have found it impossible to reach - much less assemble - the steering committee during this vacation-riddled month. But I'm hopeful of early success and trust your assumption (and mine) regarding sponsorship will turn out to be correct. I'll keep you posted.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 25, 1958

Miss Beryl D. Kneen
Religious News Editor
Northern Virginia Sun
3409 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia

Dear Miss Kneen:

Enclosed is a copy of the pamphlet in which I think you are interested.

It was published by the Anti-Defamation League. Additional copies may be secured from ADL, or from us.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 ("The South Speaks Out for Law and Order...")

Sent: Both original and revised copies of
Research Project.

August 25, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Nationwide Insurance Company
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

No need for concern over the late reply - in most matters we're more than behind schedule around here and it's a bit consoling to find the condition elsewhere.

Enclosed is a copy of the original project outline as requested, and a copy of our slightly revised outline which Estes and others are using.

We are in no particular need ~~for~~ of immediate funds so why don't we wait and take up the whole matter later?

The project continues to move along well and is turning up what should be moderately valuable information. The hoped-for deadline of September 1 is being moved up somewhat, though I trust not by more than several weeks. Estes has experienced slower progress than had been anticipated at two of the university libraries. I hope this is at least partially due to the fact that materials do exist in significant numbers.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

26 August '58

Rev. Robert E. Hughes, Exec.Dir.
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Rm. 1218 Comer Bldg.
Birmingham 3, Ala.

Dear Bob,

CONGRATULATIONS !

This tribute to the Alabama Council by M.L.King, Jr. should gladden your ole heart and fatten your organizational pocketbook. Obviously the tribute is largely due you and your good work.

I suggest a copy of it be sent to all your Board members. Obviously a letter of thanks to Martin is in order.

Once more, CONGRATULATIONS !

All my best,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/s
encl.
excerpt from STRIDE TOWARD FREEDOM

Exerpt from: STRIDE TOWARD FREEDOM, Martin Luther King, Jr. (Harper & Bros., 1958)
p. 32 ff.

Around the time that I started working with the NAACP the Alabama Council on Human Relations also caught my attention. This interracial group was concerned with human relations in the State of Alabama and employed educational methods to achieve its purpose. An affiliate of the Southern Regional Council, and the successor to the Alabama Inter-Racial Committee, the Council on Human Relations sought to attain through research and action equal opportunity for all the people of Alabama. Its basic philosophy recognized "that all men are created equal under God. Interpreted into the life of our nation, this means that each individual is endowed with the right of equal opportunity to contribute to and share in the life of our nation. No individual or group of individuals has the privilege to limit this right in any way."

I joined this organization, and attended most of the monthly meetings of the Montgomery Chapter, which were held in the meeting room of my church. After working with the Council for a few months I was elected to the office of vice-president, and served in this capacity until other responsibilities intervened. The president of the Council was Rev. Ray Wadley, the young white minister of St. Mark's Methodist Church. A native Southerner, he was later shifted to a small, backwoods community after his congregation protested his activities in the field of race relations. Two other prominent white members of the Council were Revs. Thomas P. Thrasher and Robert Graetz, both of whom were to be prominent in the subsequent bus struggle.

Although the Montgomery Council never had a large membership, it played an important role. As the only truly interracial group in Montgomery, it served to keep the desperately needed channels of communication open between the races. Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they do not know each other; they do not know each other because they cannot communicate; they cannot communicate because they are separated. In providing an avenue of communication, the Council was fulfilling a necessary condition for better race relations in the South.

I was surprised to learn that many people found my dual interest in the NAACP and the Council inconsistent. Many Negroes felt that integration could come only through legislation and court action - the chief emphases of the NAACP. Many white people felt that integration could come only through education - the chief emphasis of the Council on Human Relations. How could one give his allegiance to two organizations whose approaches and methods seemed so diametrically opposed?

This question betrayed an assumption that there was only one approach to the solution of the race problem. On the contrary I felt that both approaches were necessary. Through education we seek to change attitudes; through legislation and court orders we seek to regulate behavior. Through education we seek to change internal feelings (prejudice, hate, etc.); through legislation and court orders we seek to control the external effects of those feelings. Through education we seek to break down the spiritual barriers to integration; through legislation and court orders we seek to break down the physical barriers to integration. One method is not a substitute for the other, but a meaningful and necessary supplement. Anyone who starts out with the conviction that the road to racial justice is only one lane wide will inevitably create a traffic jam and make the journey infinitely longer. My work with the NAACP and the Alabama Council on Human Relations grew out of the conviction that both organizations met a real need in the community, and each carried out its work at a high level of dignity and wisdom.

1013 Highland View, N. E.
Atlanta 6, Georgia
August 26, 1958

Secretary of State
State Capitol
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

I would appreciate it very much, if you would send me a copy of the constitution of your state. We need it for a workshop sponsored by church women. I am enclosing stamps for mailing.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Encl. (twenty-four cents in stamps)

Same letter mailed to:

Montgomery, Ala.
Columbia, S. C.
Raleigh, N. C.
Tallahassee, Florida
Richmond, Virginia
Nashville, Tenn.
Frankfort, Ky.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

August 26, 1958

The Massachusetts Council of Churches
14 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

A year or two ago I received from you a pamphlet; on one side of it is "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights" and on the other side is "Roots of Freedom" and "The Bill Of Rights" of the U. S. Constitution.

I wonder if you still have these and what would be the price of two hundred copies? I need them for a workshop of church women. I would appreciate a quick reply.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 26, 1958

Circulation Department
Capital Times
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Sirs:

Please send us the issues of your newspaper which contain the series on the South by Leroy Gore. The third of this series appeared on July 1, 1958.

Please bill the Southern Regional Council for any cost involved.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

August 26, 1958

Mr. John Morris
605 East Cleveland Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Jbhn:

Sorry the rush of events and travel have delayed this reply to your last two welcome letters.

I hope my tardiness in returning the enclosed correspondence hasn't inconvenienced you. I paid a visit to Washington last week, with results that you would find interesting. I'll tell you about it when we meet next.

I have written as enclosed to Emory; trust it's in time to be of some value.

Your response to my last letter - despite the stimulant - struck me as quite sound. I'll look forward to a chance to discuss these ideas further with you.

Thought you'd be interesting in the enclosed editorial (by Virginius Dabney) from the Richmond Times-Dispatch. This ought to give even Tom Waring pause - if not Brother Morse. I'm referring them to it.

Keep me posted on your plans.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P. S. - Harper's regretfully declined the Morris-Timmerman correspondence. I'm trying *The Reporter*. Will advise you if anything results.

H.C.F.

August 26, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler
President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

That was a magnificent letter you wrote the President. We are grateful to you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 26, 1958

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

It was really a wonderful experience for me to have you tell me you would have time to come to our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned this year. It is to be at Clark College, October 16-17, beginning at 11:00 a.m.

I would like so much for you to lead a thirty minutes morning worship on the 17th. Of course I want you at all time to be there as a resource person, ready to speak up and "pick up" when things lag, as you can so capably do.

It was so good to be with you at Berea.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

VIA AIR MAIL August 26, 1958

Mr. Virginius Dabney
The Richmond Times-Dispatch
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Dabney:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your editorial of August 21. It was an impressively full and fair correction of the misstatements about SRC in the Standard-Times series.

I am grateful for your scrupulous attention to this problem, and I am sure the Executive Committee will share my admiration for your courage and frankness in dealing with it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

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BC sent to Mr. Morris

August 26, 1958

Graduate School
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Gentlemen:

I understand that the Rev. John B. Morris of Dillon, South Carolina, has submitted an application to the Graduate School, and I should like to say a word of recommendation in his behalf.

As you doubtless know, Mr. Morris has given leadership not only in his church and community, but also in constructive approaches to race relations at the state level. In these efforts, he has won the respect of responsible leaders, conservative as well as liberal. He has shown imagination, sound scholarship, and Christian principle to a very high degree.

I take pleasure, then, in recommending Mr. Morris to you as a young man of exceptional ability, character, and promise. The Graduate School would undoubtedly have many future occasions to feel gratified by a decision to admit him.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 26, 1958

The Honorable W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

I regret that you were not able to see me last Friday, but I did appreciate very much the time and consideration given me by your First Assistant, Mr. Ryan.

I came with a request which I laid before him, but told him that I would write you in detail.

One feature of the program of the Southern Regional Council is its work with church women of the South. They call themselves "The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South." We are to have a workshop with them here in Atlanta at Clark College, October 16th and 17th, and we need you or someone from the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice to interpret for them the new civil rights legislation and also the power and limitation of your Department.

The workshop begins at 11:00 A. M., on the first day and closes after lunch on the second. We would suit the hour to your convenience. We have funds for travel and entertainment.

Atty Gen'l

This is not anything entirely new for the Department of Justice. While Mr. Clark was chief justice, he sent some one to speak for me three different times - Junaluska, North Carolina; Atlanta, Georgia; and Lakeland, Florida.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a delegated body - about 150 women of the three faiths and both races. They are leaders selected to attend by their over-head bodies and they are from the states of Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and Kentucky. Enclosed you will find a brief resume' of the work of past years.

These are women of deep convictions and sincerity trying to find ways to help our section in these distressing days.

There is no publicity either before or afterward about the workshop.

Please give this request your best consideration and I sincerely hope you will find a way to grant it.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

August 26, 1958

The Honorable M. F. Ryan, Jr.
First Assistant to the Assistant
Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

Thank you very much for the time you gave me last Friday. Please know that I am deeply grateful for your interest.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have written to Mr. White.

Please thank the young ladies in your office for their gracious courtesies to me.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

on Univ. of Louisville letterhead stationery

Originals of this same letter sent to public school superintendents in:

Baltimore
Birmingham
Charlotte, N. C.
Cincinnati
Houston
Jacksonville, Fla.
Little Rock
Memphis
Minneapolis
Oklahoma City
Richmond
San Antonio

August 26, 1958

Miss Ira Jarrell, Superintendent
Atlanta Public Schools
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Superintendent Jarrell:

An exploratory investigation by a group at the University of Louisville has revealed a wide variation in the level of achievement among Louisville elementary schools. For the period 1948-1952 there was a difference of two and a half years (7.44 to 4.94 yrs.) between the mean level of six grade achievement of the best and the poorest white elementary schools. Evidence points to a positive correlation between the socio-economic status of the elementary school district and the achievement level of its school.

I wonder whether you have any immediately available materials bearing upon these points? What we would like to have is the result by schools of the testing program for some recent year with an indication of the socio-economic status of each school district. It would be helpful also if there is a breakdown interms of the racial composition of each school.

Enclosed is a list of questions which bear upon other phases of our interest. Any help you can give us will be appreciated. We will use your comments and materials in constructing a questionnaire for research purposes to be distributed more widely.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Professor of Sociology

CHP:ls

The school system of a rapidly growing city has to adjust and readjust to an ever changing social situation. It seems desirable to see what some of the problems involved are and to inquire about the methods and techniques being devised to meet these problems.

Problems:

MIGRATION Who are the people coming into the city? Where do they come from mostly? Where do they settle? Are they more concentrated in some areas than in others? What are the problems of language, race, culture impinging upon the schools? What are the effects of the intrusion of alien elements into a school district? (A new housing project may have all of the aspects of large scale migration so far as a particular school district is concerned). Are any of these problems of significance in your community? If so, what is being done about them?

FRINGE AREAS What coordination, if any, is there between the central city school system and the school districts of the surburban communities in the urban fringe? How are the problems of overflow being met? In this connection what are the problems of public school financing which have been raised by the spilling over of the city's population into surrounding areas?

INNER CITY What is the extent of the lag, if any, in school achievement of elementary schools in deteriorated areas? Where are the best elementary schools located? How is the morale of teachers in the schools in poor areas maintained? What are the rules about teacher transfers? Is the quality of teaching equally good in poor and well-to-do areas? Is there a problem of high mobility of pupils in some of the elementary school districts of your city? How is this problem being met? Are any special training methods used in preparing teachers to work in low socio-economic areas? Do you believe special training is necessary for this work? Are "social" promotions the rule or the exception in your system?

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS Are senior high schools specialized in your community? Among high schools which are unspecialized is there wide variation in the percentage of graduates going to college? Is there any particular high school to which the children of "nice" people go? Going back 25 years has there been any significant change in the prestige of "the" high school of the community?

GIFTED CHILD What is being done in your community to discover and develop the gifted child? What definition of "gifted child" do you use? At what grade level is consideration first given to the gifted child? Are any special committees at work or research being done in this area?

NEGRO SCHOOLS If segregated schools are maintained in your community what differences are discernible among them in terms of the neighborhoods in which they are located? To what extent do the differences between Negro and white children in achievement level appear to be attributable to socio-economic factors? In most cities, Negroes constitute a high proportion of the population of the inner areas. Is this true in your community? What provisions, if any, are made for gifted Negro children?

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

August 26, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: All concerned Personnel

From: FBR

The Virginia Council on Human Relations has a new office!!

216-G Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

(no phone yet)

Paul Rilling's home address is:

100 W. Franklin Street
Apt. 405
Richmond, Virginia

phone: MI 4-7742

August 26, 1958

Mr. Sam Taylor
Journal of Labor
Room 100, Atlanta Labor Temple
345 Washington Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Taylor:

My sincere apologies for not being in touch with you earlier regarding a congratulatory ad in the Journal of Labor. As the person chiefly in touch with the labor movement for the Southern Regional Council, your request was referred to me.

We do not have a policy of placing advertising even of this worthy congratulatory sort. You can understand the practical implications alone for an organization which works in twelve states and is related to many organizations. We exchange, for instance, with approximately fifty labor papers.

My travel schedule and having placed the memo on your request in too secure a place have occasioned this delay. For this I am deeply sorry.

I do want to extend congratulations to the Journal of Labor for its long service to the Atlanta area labor movement, and to wish it the best in its continued good works.

I look forward to receiving the Journal in exchange for our publication, New South.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 27, 1958

Mrs. Morris Brown
201 Sunset Avenue
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mildred:

I am enclosing a copy of an editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch; Mr. Dabney, though a segregationist, has not lost all reason or decency. We intend to make a distribution of this editorial to those papers which ran the series and to a select list of friendly editors.

Thanks for your alertness in cathhing this in the Times-Dispatch; it is such cooperation from our folks in the field that makes it possible for SRC to keep abreast of developments.

All good wishes,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
enc. copy of editorial

August 27, 1958

Mr. John Cosgrove
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

Could you see to it that two hundred (200) copies of the AFL-CIO publication "Why Unions?" (publication number 41) are sent to us for use on October 16th. They will be used in a meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned which is a south-wide representative group of church-women. The two pieces enclosed will give you more information on this meeting and the group itself.

I am assuming that there will be no charge for these publications for this pupppse. Thanks so much for seeing this through for us.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enc.

August 27, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

You've done your usual masterly job of rebuttal. I should think Professor Bradley would recognize that he's been cut to ribbons, but he is probably one of those people who can survive any attack of logic. Here's hoping you will have an occasion to expose him further.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure: Wright Ltr. to Prof. F. W. Bradley, dtd. Aug 2, '58

August 27, 1958

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Director
National Community Service Division
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
Suite 220
Empire Building
Denver 2, Colorado

Dear Alex:

I'm about to head for New York for a brief rat-race. In case I miss you while there, here are copies of my slightly stale letter to the New Bedford hate sheet and an editorial by Virginius Dabney in the Times-Dispatch.

Dabney himself was to send a copy of his editorial to the editor of the Standard-Times, and I am sending it to those Southern papers that I know reprinted the series. If I get no response soon from the Standard-Times, I plan to write them again. Maybe your folks can use the Dabney editorial as ammunition in further approaches.

We didn't feel we could take on the broader job of answering the whole series. It would be an impossible job. And, in any case, separate refutations from the various groups and interests attacked would, I should think, be more effective.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming

Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

August 27, 1958

Mr. Boris Shishkin
Civil Rights Department, AFL-CIO
815 16th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Boris Shishkin:

We would like two hundred (200) copies of your article, "Discrimination Costs Too Much", to distribute at the October 16th meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I am enclosing some information on the program of this group and on its past activities. It is an important meeting of a representative group of Southern churchwomen.

Your article will be an important addition to the materials with which this group will be supplied. It will be one of several which we are securing directly from the labor movement.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr, Via, but signed in
his absence.)

EFV:ls
enc.

August 27, 1958

Dr. Albert W. Dent
President
Dillard University
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Al:

I'm distressed to learn that you are otherwise committed on the dates of the Annual Meeting. There's nobody whose presence seems more important to me.

I suppose it would be impossible for us to revise the dates now. So just breathe a prayer that we won't suffer any serious derailment in your absence.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 27, 1958

Mr. John E. Cosgrove
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

I think "Burden of Truth" is basically a good film which packs quite a whallop. Although it is somewhat off the main problem confronting the South, I am more than willing to see it used in appropriate situations. Regarding the Southern Labor School, I would suggest that it be shown in a special session (perhaps evening) rather than taking up a whole class period on this topic.

Is the sixty-eight minute version the one which has been cut? The cut version has two advantages: (1) it is shorter; (2) the bitter Southern scene is omitted and that scene has rankled some in this region since it was the only South presented.

We do not yet have our copy of the film. I would suggest that if you can supply a copy of the film for Daytona that we have it on hand and decide on the grounds when and how to show it.

It was good to have seen you at Chapel Hill. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

August 27, 1958

Mr. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Could you please send me Stewart Mecham's address?

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

August 27, 1958

Mr. Russell Allen
Director of Education
Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Russ:

I would like to have two hundred (200) copies of the IUD publication, "The Case for the Union Shop", to use in a meeting on October 16-17. The pamphlets will be distributed to a representative group of Southern churchwomen who meet together periodically as the Fellowship of the Concerned. It is an important group to be reached with this publication. A bit more information on the up-coming program and on the Fellowship itself will be found in the two enclosed pieces.

I am assuming that there is no charge for these pamphlets for this purpose. Thanks for taking care of this for us. I trust it will not be too long before I see you again in Washington.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via; signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls
Enc.

August 27, 1958

Mr. George T. Guernsey
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear George:

You are hereby reinstated on our mailing list; I have been unable to discover why you have not been receiving our materials.

The supplementary materials to the "Negro Voter in the South" will not be forthcoming for several months. You should receive such materials as are developed when they are ready.

I have seen "Burden of Truth". We used it at the Fisk Institute on Race Relations. It has a great deal to offer, but its usefulness in the South will be limited. However, I have requested a copy for our use when appropriate occasions arise.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls

August 27, 1958

Mr. Arthur Riordan, Managing Editor
IUE, AFL-CIO NEWS
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Brother Riordan:

By some accident in the mailing process I not only received my own copy of the August 18th IUE NEWS but also those of Cary Haigler and Charles Gillman. I noticed that their addresses were incorrect and I thought you might like to have their current addresses. They are as follows:

Carey E. Haigler, Director
Region #5, AFL-CIO
1106 Independence Building
Charlotte 2, North Carolina

Charles H. Gillman, Director
Region #6, AFL-CIO
1026 Hurt Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

I thought you would not mind my intervening in this process since I have some appreciation of the difficulties in maintaining a mailing list and since I feel that both of these men should be receiving your paper (which of course they may be doing).

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls

August 27, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

One more letter for the pile that will be awaiting you.

Enclosed is an excerpt from Martin Luther King's soon-to-be-released book. It testifies eloquently to the importance of the state and local councils on human relatinns as channels of interracial communication.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

August 27, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

Two weeks in bed with pneumonia, a week in the School of Mission at Emory, and now I am back in the office.

I received your letter just before the pneumonia got me and all through the day, every once in awhile, I would think of the kind message in it and in my heart I thanked you.

The workshop will be at Clark College, October 16-17. On the afternoon of the 16th at 2:00, we will face "our fears," and that is when I know you will help us. This is an informal workshop and the women will be given an opportunity to ask you questions.

These women will be from the following states: Alabama, the Carolinas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Virginia. They will be leaders of the three faiths and both races. They are women of deep convictions, but faced with fears and need help and directions. In them, I think lies the hope of our South.

You will get further information later on.

Sincerely thanking you for accepting this responsibility, and with the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

August 28, 1958

Mr. Philip Hammer
President
Hammer and Company
70 Fairlie Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hammer:

Mr. Fleming, who is away from the office, has asked that we send you the enclosed list of the members of the Civil Rights Commission State Advisory Committees for Virginia, Texas and Florida.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - Lists

STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEES
CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION

VIRGINIA

J. Randolph Tucker, Jr. (Chrm.)
Dr. L. C. Downing
Mrs. Mary Frances Rogers Hartz
S. Floyd Landreth
Herbert Gerst
W. C. Daniel
J. Maynard Magruder

FLORIDA

Judge L. L. Fabisinski
Jack Simmons
Harold Colee
Dr. Eugene Peek
Walter L. Hays
John Turner
Bill Singer
Carl Brorein, Sr.
J. R. E. Lee

TEXAS

Mack Hannah, Jr.
Col. William B. Bates
Robert Lee Bobbitt
J. S. Bridwell
Maurice R. Bullock
Jerome G. Crossman
D. Umphrey Lee
Judge Thomas B. Ramey
Dr. M. E. Sadler

August 28, 1958

Mrs. L. L. Ashley
17 Marion Block
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Ashley:

There are two questions; are you going to Avon Park, and will you drive? You remember it is very difficult for me to reach Avon Park by 11:00 on trains. If you are driving, I would like to fly to Ocala the night before and will make reservations at the hotel and will ask you to pick me up.

I certainly regret the Fellowship of the Concerned workshop conflicts with your convention. It is very difficult to get a date that will avoid the dates of all denominations. I will certainly miss you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 28, 1958

Mrs. C. E. Biggerstaff
4906 Adanson Street
Orlando, Florida

Dear Mrs. Biggerstaff:

You know there is two hundred dollars for your workshop from the Fellowship of the Concerned. Should we make the check to you, if not to whom? Let me know and it will be forthcoming.

I was interested in the program and noticed that our panel discussion is in the evening, but the subject is not listed. I would like to hear from you. Please invite Mrs. Flora Supworth, 961 S. W. 58th Avenue, Miami. She is a key woman for B'nai B'rith and a very able person.

Looking forward to being with you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 28, 1958

Mr. Carson Pritchard
West Georgia College
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pritchard:

This is an inadequate method of expressing our appreciation for your thorough handling of Mr. Ahmed on such short notice. However, we are most grateful and if an opportunity arises when we can serve one of your visitors in like fashion, we shall certainly try.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 28, 1958

Mrs. St. Julien R. Childs
73 King Street
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Childs:

Mr. Fleming is away from the office, therefore I am answering ~~his~~ your letter of August 24th.

We will be delighted to be of whatever help we can to the Chacko's when and if they are able to get by the office. Mr. Fleming returns tomorrow, therefore, if they do get by he will be able to see them.

We have seen Ed Cony's article in the Wall Street Journal and it is excellent. However, it was thoughtful of you to call it to our attention. Too much good material appears for us to keep up with it all and our friends throughout the region do us an invaluable service in helping to keep us informed.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 28, 1958

Mr. John Andes
Route 1, Box 410
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Andes:

Mr. Fleming has been away from the office a great deal since the arrival of your recent letter. In lieu of having your letter go unanswered further, he has asked me to reply and express his regrets at not seeing you when you were by the office.

Unfortunately, we do not, at this moment, have an opening at the Council which would be appropriate for your skills. However, the Council's needs are quite flexible and sometimes change on short notice. Therefore, it might be to our mutual advantage for us to remain in contact.

The prospects of employment in the near future are not such as to justify a trip from Greenville to Atlanta. However, when next you plan to be in Atlanta, perhaps you could let us know several days ahead of time and, if at all possible, Mr. Fleming would be happy to explore this matter with you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 28, 1958

Mr. C. Russell Eddy
Vice-President
The New England Trust Company
135 Devonshire Street
Boston 7, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Eddy:

This will confirm the letter you received some time ago from Mr. John Marion, director of the Virginia Council on Human Relations.

The Southern Regional Council will be happy to receive any contribution that an individual might be willing to make to the Virginia Council. Such contributions, if made, should be directed to SRC with instructions that they be used by the Virginia Council. This is a normal procedure of the Council and one that has been used by several of the major foundations.

8 Should you care to contact the Virginia Council further please note that the current director is Mr. Paul Rilling. The new address of the organization is:

216-C Broad-Grace Building
Richmond, Virginia

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

August 28, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Would you have the materials announcing the Southern Labor School sent to Earl Henderson at the following address:

Mr. Earl Henderson
UAW Employment Practices Representative
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

I believe that you have met Earl, but he serves in this region as the representative of the fair practices and anti-discrimination department of the UAW. I think it will be a good opportunity for him to get further grounding in the Southern scene and to expand his relations with the Southern end of the labor movement.

I am assuming that any time I arrive in Daytona on the 14th will be okay. If you would like me there at some special time, please let me know.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via, but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls

Via Air Mail

August 28, 1958

Kellow-Brown Company
428 Boyd Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

In a reply to a letter written to Mr. Conrad N. Hilton requesting the price of two hundred copies of AMERICA ON ITS KNEES, he has referred us to your firm.

We would appreciate it if you would let us know by return mail what two hundred copies cost. We would immediately send you a check for same.

This is a hurried request and we would appreciate your immediate reply. We are enclosing an air mail stamp for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

August 28, 1958

Mr. Earl Henderson
UAW Employment Practices Representative
526 St. Paul Place
Baltimore 2, Maryland

Dear Earl:

The Southern Labor School meets the week of September 14-19. This will be the advanced school and is aimed at state leadership and international representatives. The approximate cost is $50.00.

I think that these sessions have always proved quite worthwhile in the past. It is a good opportunity to broaden one's contact with Southern labor leadership. It also affords a real chance to get an evaluation of Southern problems and Southern labor problems through the eyes of work-a-day union leadership in the South. I have found it invaluable in discovering who is thinking about Southern problems and who is willing to go how far in working on them. Of course I would welcome this opportunity for the two of us to get a chance to work on some of our mutual concerns.

I trust that your situation will be such that you will be able to attend. I have asked Stanton Smith, President of the Southern Labor School, to forward appropriate informational and registration materials to you.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls

August 29, 1958

Mr. Sol Kolack
Anti-Defamation League
12 Franklin Street
Suite 504
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sol:

I have written Alex Miller today as enclosed. I hope you will agree with my feeling that SRC's best contribution is to refute that part of the New Bedford series about which we can speak with first-hand authority. I am not encouraged to hope the Standard-Times will publish any retraction, though we will continue to press for one. But we can get the refutation from the Times-Dispatch and other rebuttal material aired widely enough to make them look pretty bad. I f other appropriate groups do likewise, this vicious attack on the desegregation movement will be thoroughly discredited.

Certainly, for example, the NAACP has enough friends and documentation to do this job in defense of its good name. If there were some way for us to do an effective rebuttal of the whole series, we would gladly do it, but I believe the counter effort would be much more effective if everybody contributes to it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

August 29, 1958

Mrs. W. Leroy Schoch, Treasurer
Florida Conference
Woman's Society of Christian Service
26 S. W. 25th Street
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Mrs. Schoch:

We are extremely grateful to the Florida Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service for the $50.00 contribution to the Southern Regional Council on August 22, 1958. Your continued interest and support in the Council's program is most appreciative.

We have placed the Christian Social Relations' Secretaries on our mailing list to receive our publication, New South, and other materials that might be of value to them from time to time.

If we can be of further service to you at any time, please do not hesitate to call on us.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure (Receipt for $50.00)

August 29, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Nathan Perlmutter, Director
Florida Anti-Defamation League
330 Seybold Building
Miami, Florida

Dear Mr. Perlmutter:

Harold Fleming and I agree with Oscar Cohen that the speech by Dr. H. Franklin Williams is good copy for New South. Oscar asked us to get in touch with you concerning this possibility if we were interested.

Could you tell Dr. Williams of our wishes to reprint the speech and let me know if he is willing to grant reprint privileges? We would appreciate it.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lee

August 29, 1958

Mr. Alexander Miller
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

I am sorry I missed you yesterday in New York and that our letters evidently crossed in the mail.

As I wrote you the other day, I think that through our dealings with the Richmond Times-Dispatch and the other Southern papers carrying the New Bedford series, we have accomplished something in the direction of discrediting the series. We are sending the Times-Dispatch to each of the Southern papers that has been reported to us as reprinting the series. Also, on the basis of the editorial, I will press once again for some correction in the Standard-Times.

I cannot agree, however, that the Southern Regional Council should undertake an effort to refute the other charges in this series against other organizations, individuals, and institutions in American life. It seems to me that this can most properly and most effectively be done by all of the organizations attacked making the same effort we have to set the record straight as to their own integrity. Since the offending newspaper is in Massachusetts, I should think that national organizations which operate in Massachusetts should take on the broad job of protesting the false picture that Simmons has drawn. As a Southern organization, we can hope to have little influence on a Massachusetts newspaper, and our hands are full trying to fight the battle down here.

My admiration for ~~the operative skill of~~ ADL is so great that I have no doubt of your ability to get this job done with a skill that we could never equal.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Sol Kolack

P. S. We have now reprinted the Times-Dispatch editorial and can supply additional copies if you would find them useful.

H.C.F.

August 29, 1958

Mr. Ben Atwood
Book Department
Life
540 N. Michigan Avenue
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mr. Atwood:

The copy of "The Religions of the World" sent to my home address has been received and it is a wonderful book, one that I will always prize.

I regret that the copy you mailed to Berea, Kentucky did not reach me there. Enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I have just written to the college.

Please accept my thanks for your courteous attention to this, and here is hoping that I may find the other copy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

/c
Enclosure

August 29, 1958

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Miss Baldinger:

For some weeks - in the midst of a hectic work and travel schedule - Harold Fleming has held your letter of August 5th. Now, in lieu of further holding our subscription for 1958-1959, he has asked me to reply. Accordingly, enclosed is our check for $25.00.

We have noted your next meeting dates of October 1 and November 5. If it seems likely that Harold will be in Washington on or near those dates, you will hear from him. In the meantime, please accept his best wishes and most sincere apologies for not having answered your letter personally and sooner.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Encl -1 (check #4542, $25.00)

August 29, 1958

Mr. Melvene D. Hardee
Regional Commission on Student Personnel
Work
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mr. Hardee:

In Mr. Fleming's absence, we are responding to your letter of the 20th. Accordingly, enclosed are several materials which may be of some help to you. I am sorry that this late date does not give us time to collect materials more specifically suited to your needs.

If we can be of assistance in the future, please call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

August 29, 1958

Mr. Harry Golden
Editor
The Carolina Israelite
P. O. Box 2505
Charlotte 1, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Enclosed is a copy of an article from the current issue of the monthly publication of the Citizens' Council. As you will see, they are promoting a major crusade against your nefarious plans to integrate the South. Has it ever occurred to you that these birds might be somewhat lacking in sense of humor? Next thing you know they will be organizing the society for the prevention of vertical Negroes.

All the Best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Atlanta Friends Center Project
Minute of the 1958 American Friends Conference
on Race Relations
Westtown School
Westtown, Pennsylvania

August 31, 1958

In this time of stress the call of Friends to be true reconcilers sounds more clearly than ever before. The weight of discord in human relations rested heavily on this conference. Our thoughts, as those of the whole American Quakerism, turned particularly to our Southern Friends who feel their special responsibility as reconcilers in a situation full of frustration.

Therefore, the conference was encouraged to receive a message from the Atlanta Friends Meeting of a vision of a hopeful and significant service there, providing Friends nationally will help them to use the opportunity which now seems to open.

Atlanta's position as a regional business and government center and its prominence in political and cultural affairs give it a strategic and symbolic importance unique among cities of the deep South. A Friends Center there, the result of local initiative and to be locally administered, could be the scene or the base of operation for a number of racially integrated activities which are now impossible for lack of any suitable physical facilities. Having known the value of Friends Centers in other key cities, we were glad to know that the local situation in Atlanta gives hope that a Center under the auspices of the Religious Society of Friends could operate successfully at this time, and could have truly national significance.

The Atlanta Meeting is vigorous and imaginative but small in numbers. While able to provide personal supervision for this project and more than their share of the cost, the members cannot carry the financial burden alone, particularly the expense of acquiring a building.

Therefore, this conference recommends to all Friends and their Meetings that the Atlanta Friends Center be adopted as a special project worthy of national support. We ask that it be considered as one effective way to express the basic spiritual unity of all Friends. We ask that it be given a special acclaim on our generosity, but not as a means of salving our consciences for local tasks undone. We ask because we believe that sharing in such a demonstration, supporting Friends who every day are called on to testify their beliefs, will strengthen us in carrying out our own mission of reconciliation.

September 2, 1958

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

For our workshop I am trying to gather together what used to be the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of our Southern States. However, I find most of the states now do not list them as Bill of Rights but do have about the same things scattered throughout the Constitution. Miss Mary Texas Hurt Garner, Secretary of State of Alabama said that the "supply of pamphlet copies of the Constitution of Alabama is completely exhausted." Can you get a copy for me from the library or any whare and let me have it for a few days? We would copy what we wanted and return it back to you. We would appreciate it if you would do this for us.

No I did not receive but one letter from you in regard to your meeting, and I realize now I still do not know where it is to be, what town or place in the town. I will do my best to carry our my part on your program.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 2, 1958

Kellow-Brown Company
428 Boyd Street
Los Angeles, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for $20.00 for two hundred copies of AMERICA ON ITS KNEES. This is the price you quoted us in your letter just received in reply to our request.

We would appreciate your early attention to this order.

Thanking you, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 2, 1958

Mr. Harold Straus
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Straus:

I will greatly appreciate your referring this inquiry to the proper person there.

We are, of course, very pleased with Mr. Dabbs' book and eager to see that it receives the favorable attention it deserves. In this connection, I was glad that our suggestion led to the selection of Mr. Dabbs for the Mike Wallace interview last Sunday. If we can arrange it, the Southern Regional Council would like to buy a modest supply of the books for distribution to some of our officers and supporters. It occurs to me that in a quantity of one or two dozen we might be entitled to a discount.

Would you please advise me whether this assumption is correct, and, if so, give me the prices for orders of one dozen and two dozen?

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 2, 1958

Mrs. David Cathcart
127 E. Maxwell Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Cathcart:

I do hope you are planning to be with us in our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, to be held at Clark College, October 16-17. You have never been with our group and it would mean much to have you with us. I hope you will find your schedule will make it possible for you to share in this with us.

Please let me know that I may make your reservation at Clark College. I am certain that I told you that we have funds for your travel and entertainment.

This will be your first real insight into the work of the Southern Regional Council and we will certainly be honored to have you with us.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 2, 1958

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bess:

I hope you will find it possible to be with us here in Atlanta, at our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17. You know I have wanted you every year and you have never found it possible to make the trip. It will certainly be a joy to me and a help to all of us if you can make it this year. Please let me hear from you so that I may make a reservation for you at Clark College.

I do hope your sister is better ere this. I have thought of both of you many times and wish I was nearer to hear from you often.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

September 2, 1958

Mrs. John W. Curry
163 S. Coit Street
Florence, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Curry:

We have had the following affirmative replies from the invitations extended to the names you sent us: Mrs. Nellie C. Davis; Mrs. Mayme Shealey; Mrs. Charles H. Dubra; Mrs. H. E. Hill; Mrs. J. T. Kennedy; Mrs. G. H. Rumph; Mrs. Ruby Ross Smith; Mrs. E. A. Smith; and two negative replies: Mrs. E. D. Willis and Mrs. S. L. Griffin.

We are concerned about a reply from Mississippi. Mrs. S. L. Griffin of Holly Springs suggested that we invite in her place, Mrs. A. D. Jones. Do you give your O.K. on this? Would appreciate hearing from you soon.

Your reservation has been made for you at Clark College, so you may go directly there. Most of our women will have to stay at the women's dorm at Atlanta University, but as you know, the distance from there to Kresge Hall is not very far.

I certainly appreciate your cooperation in helping us get invitations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 2, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis, Executive Director
Catholic Interracial Council
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

It was good to be with you at the first Annual Catholic Conference on Interracial Justice. I very much enjoyed participating in so worthy an enterprise.

It is my belief that this is the first big step toward the foundation of a nation-wide organization. I hope that the more progressive elements will assume the leadership of the national organization as it is formed.

My expenses were less than the travel advance you sent me. We are sending you a check for the balance. Below is an accounting of all costs involved:

air transportation	$91.52
taxicabs	8.85
car storage (Atlanta)	4.00
meals	6.50
tips	2.15
	$113.02

Travel advance	$125.00
Expenses	113.02
	$11.98

Once more, thanks for asking me and I hope you feel my participation was worth the cost.

With all good regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 2, 1958

Mr. Frank Kelly
The Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

It was good seeing you Wednesday and I am continuingly grateful for the selection of Mr. Dabbs as a Mike Wallace interviewee. I think he gave a very good account of himself and will look forward with interest to your reaction.

I was to write you about the number of printed transcripts we could profitably use. We could give effective distribution to any number from 500 to 5,000. Realizing that the larger number may be prohibitive, I want to make it clear that we could meet our most important needs with 500 to 1,000; anything over that would simply enable us to broaden the distribution. We will be most appreciative of whatever you find you can do.

Enclosed is a copy of the Richmond Times-Dispatch editorial which I mentioned to you. Coming from this source, the editorial is an expeptionally useful refutation of the false charges most commonly used against SRC. I am not sure what specific charge against Mr. Dabbs came to Ping's attention, but I suspect it's one of those dealt with here.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 1 (Richmond-Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

September 2, 1958

Mr. Cornelius C. Tarplee
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Neil:

Thanks for your recent note regarding the meeting at North Conway. I am becoming increasingly concerned about the dates. Many of the Southern communities, facing desegregation for the first time this fall, have postponed the opening of their schools until September 15th.

If the situation in those communities continues to grow more threatening it would be difficult for me to be out of the South at the time the court order is actually put into execution.

Is there any feasible way this meeting could be postponed until mid-October? I really believe the exigency of the situation calls for re-examination of the proposed dates. I know we have already shifted the program once but I raise this problem for your consideration.

Warmly,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 2, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Mayesville
South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The Council is most grateful for your frequent contributions, the latest being a check for $20.00 came the middle of August while I was away from the office.

I am enclosing an official receipt for your records.

Sincerely,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

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Enclosure

September 2, 1958

The Editor
The News and Courier
Charleston, South Carolina

Dear Sir:

In a recent issue you publish another in Mr. Stanley F. Morse's long series of diatribes. This one, characteristically, seeks to sully the reputation of Mr. James M. Dabbs by feverish charges against the Southern Regional Council, of which Mr. Dabbs is president.

Mr. Morse is the evidently willing collaborator in a myth originated by the Communists themselves, in their Daily Worker.

Rather than answer once again these tired and absurd charges ourselves, we refer to the enclosed editorial from the conservative Richmond Times-Dispatch, from which we cite the following passages:

"(The Southern Regional Council) not only was no 'offshoot' of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; it was criticized in some quarters because it was more conservative than that organization and suspected of being in competition with it...

"As to the allegation of the Communist Daily Worker that James E. Jackson, chief of the Southern branch of the U. S. Communist party, was a 'co-founder of the Southern Regional Council,' there is nothing to support this.... The Daily worker's statement that he was a 'founder' is as unreliable and inaccurate as nearly everything else in that Communist sheet....

"While we disagree strongly and completely with (the Council's) present position on (integration), we feel obligated to point out, in fairness, that it was in no sense Communist in its origins. The Southern Regional Council was established because of a sincere desire on the part of white and Negro leaders in the South to eliminate many of the disabilities and discriminations from which Negroes were suffering."

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

cc: Mr. Dabbs
Mrs. Spearman
Mr. Siceloff
Mr. John Morris

September 2, 1958

Mr. William McAndrew
Vice-President
NBC News Department
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York

Dear Mr. McAndrew:

We were very pleased that you and Mr. Meyers could be with us at lunch last Wednesday. I hope you found the occasion as useful as we found it pleasant.

We shall be sending you information from time to time. Meanwhile, we should be glad to have you or members of your staff call on us for any assistance we can give.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 2, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

I've known for a long time that you're a guy who gets things done, but the luncheon last week was the living end. My letter to Milton, which you will have had by now, goes double for you. Please tell Allie how pleased and grateful we are.

I've written the network participants.

On checking my calendar, I find that September 18 and 19 are as good as any other dates this months. Of course, with school opening now set for the 15th in most of the key places, something could easily interfere with my coming. But, barring emergencies, I'll make every effort if you set the meeting then.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 2, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

We have an ample supply of the mid-Summer Report, and I am glad to send you, separately, the additional copies you requested.

Although the plans are not yet definite, it appears likely that I will be in New York for a meeting September 18 or 19. If this is confirmed, I will write you again for an appointment.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

BC TO: Harry Fleischman

September 2, 1958

Mr. Milton Krents
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Milton:

It's nice to be able to call you my good friend and mean it.

All of us at SRC are truly grateful to you for making last Wednesday's briefing possible. I mean that literally, of course, since the luncheon would have meant nothing without the amazing turnout by the network news and public affairs chiefs. It's perfectly clear that their presence was a tribute not merely to the occasion, but to your own fine reputation with them.

I'm sure the affair will have long-run value for all of us. And I'm looking forward to working with you again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 2, 1958

Mr. John Daly
Vice-President
News Department
American Broadcasting Company
39 West 66th Street
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Daly:

We were very pleased that you, Mr. Vandercook and Mr. Howe could be with us at lunch last Wednesday. I hope you found the occasion as useful as we found it pleasant.

We shall be sending you information from time to time. Meanwhile, we should be glad to have you or members of your staff call on us for any assistance we can give.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 2, 1958

Mr. Sig Mickelson
Vice-President
News Department
Columbia Broadcasting System
485 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Mickelson:

We were very pleased that you and Mr. Gitlin could be with us at lunch last Wednesday. I hope you found the occasion as useful as we found it pleasant.

We shall be sending you information from time to time. Meanwhile, we should be glad to have you or members of your staff call on us for any assistance we can give.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 2, 1958

Mr. Philip Horton
The Reporter Magazine
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Horton:

I was glad to have a chance to talk with you today. Let me know if we can be of help, with miller or otherwise.

? Enclosed is the correspondence between Federal District Judge Timmerman of South Carolina and the Rev. John Morris. Mr. Morris elicited the Judge's consent to the publication of the exchange -- provided it is published in full. This is an awkward condition from an editor's viewpoint, but you may find the grisly interest of the Judge's comments sufficient to warrant the inefficiency.

As I said on the telephone, the correspondence seems especially timely to us, since the attitudes of Southern Federal judges are coming increasingly into the limelight.

If you decide you are interested in this material, let me know and I will see that

Mr. Morris is properly advised.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. s. I am sending you separately a copy of the booklet "South Carolinians Speak" so that you can see what all the shooting was about.

VIA AIR MAIL September 2, 1958

Mr. Colbert S. Cartwright
The Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Bert:

You did a top-flight job at the briefing luncheon last week, and we're most grateful. As soon as we get your expense report, we'll settle up the difference. Meanwhile, enclosed is a modest honorarium.

Harry Fleischman expressed the wish to have a copy of your presentation. I'd also like to pass it around here. If you have only one copy, I'll see that it's reproduced and returned to you promptly.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check for $35.00)

September 2, 1958

Mr. Norman L. Jones
885 Myrtle Street, N. E.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

Dear Mr. Jones:

A brief note to let you know that we did send your personal data sheet to the National Association for Intergroup Relations. We have had no word, so I suppose you haven't either. But I hope something will come of it.

I enjoyed our conversation and would like very much to see you enlisted in the human relations field. Believe me, this is more than just misery loving company!

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 3, 1958

Mr. Glenn Brooks
Committee on Government and
Higher Education
108 West Thirty-Ninth Street
Baltimore 10, Maryland

Dear Glenn:

I regret the delay in answering your good letter. I even more regret that the time factor involved in your availability makes it impossible to consider you for the position.

We shall keep your vita sheet on file and should a staff opening come which would appear to be of mutual interest to us we will be in touch.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 3, 1958

Mr. H. Vance Greenslit
President
Southeastern Greyhound Lines
c/o 5260 Peachtree Industrial Boulevard
Chamblee, Georgia

Dear Mr. Greenslit:

On Saturday, August 30th, a most unfortunate incident occured at the Greyhound bus depot in Athens, Georgia. This incident involved one of your drivers and Miss Saeeda Nabi Baksh, of Pakistan. A description of that incident, as told by Miss Baksh, is enclosed.

Miss Baksh is in this country as a guest of the U. S. State Department. She was chosen as a participant in the Foreign Leaders Program, not only because of her importance in Pakistan, but because of the role she has played, and is in a position to play, in creating friendships for the United States. Miss Baksh and the people of her country are especially interested in the status of colored people here and elsewhere. They find some of the racial practices of our country extremely hard to understand. And it is in this context that Miss Baksh has interpreted her encounter with the bus driver.

I am sure that you will deplore this regrettable incident as much as we do. We have attempted to explain to Miss Baksh that such an occurance is most uncommon and is by no means typical of the South, of the policies of the Greyhound Lines or of its drivers. However, I believe that it would be of considerable help if, after such investigation and disciplinary action as you deem appropriate, you write personally to Miss Baksh.

Miss Baksh may be reached c/o Mr. Wright Baker, the American Council on Education, at the address listed on the enclosed Biographical Data Sheet.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 2 (Biographical Sheet on Miss Baksh; Report of Athens, Georgia Incident)

cc: Mr. Wright Baker

September 3, 1958

Mr. Wright Baker
The Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

During her stay in Atlanta, Miss Baksh was involved in a most unfortunate incident at the Greyhound bus station in Athens, Georgia. Enclosed is an account of that incident and a copy of the letter written by Mr. Fleming to the President of the Southeastern Greyhound Lines.

On Monday I drove Miss Baksh to the airport and at that time she seemed to have properly evaluated the incident. However, we feel that an apology was obviously due from the bus line and, indeed, that the actions of one of their drivers should be called to the attention of the proper company official.

We are particularly anxious to have Miss Baksh understand that such action is most atypical. During a long history of entertaining foreign visitors, many of them from Africa and the East, this is the first incident of this type which we have encountered. For that matter, while the South continues many deplorable racial practices, such behavior on the part of the driver is extremely unlikely to have occurred with any person. I suspect that Miss Baksh was mistaken for a Gypsy and that the driver's actions stem from that fact. Certainly, this makes the incident none the less inexcusable; it does, offer a possible explanation for an otherwise unexplainable event.

Under separate cover I am answering your memo of August 29. In that memo several general comments are made pertaining to the scheduling of visitors who may need more than the average care and attention. However, under any circumstances, the Council will do everything possible to see that such an incident does not occur in the future.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures: HCF Ltr. to President of Southeastern Greyhound Lines
A Report of Athens, Georgia Incident as told by Miss Saeeda Baksh

Miss Saeeda Nabi Baksh, Principal of Muslim Girls High School, Karachi, Pakistan, is in this country as a participant in the Foreign Leaders Program of the International Educational Exchange Service of the U. S. Department of State. Miss Baksh is somewhat dark in color and wears Indian dress. She has been in this country since July 7th. Original plans were for Miss Baksh to leave on September 5th, though it now seems likely that she will be in this country several weeks beyond that date. Her travel schedule has been arranged by the Committee on Leaders and Specialists of the American Council on Education. This organization requested that SRC sponsor Miss Baksh's visit in Atlanta from August 27 through September 1.

The following account was given by Miss Baksh of her experience at the Greyhound bus station in Athens, Georgia on Saturday, August 30.

Miss Baksh was in Athens as the guest of Dr. Maude Hood of the School of Home Economics, University of Georgia. Dr. Hood and Miss Baksh became acquainted in Pakistan and Dr. Hood, who returns to Pakistan this week, was anxious to have Miss Baksh visit her and see the University and several of the public schools in Athens. Miss Baksh went to Athens by bus early on Saturday morning. She made plans to return on the 1:40 p.m. bus. Dr. Hood left Miss Baksh at the bus station. Miss Baksh waited for the bus outside the station at the loading ramp, along with a number of other persons who were waiting for the Atlanta bus. The bus was somewhat late and arrived around 2:15 p.m. A line formed, with Miss Baksh near the front. When she presented her ticket to the driver, after he had accepted the tickets of those in front of Miss Baksh, the driver refused the ticket and informed her that she must go to the rear of the line. Miss Baksh asked if that was not the bus for Atlanta. She was told by the driver that it was, but that she must go to the end of the line. With this he shoved Miss Baksh away from the line and attempted to take the ticket of the next person in line. Miss Baksh protested this treatment, at which time the driver again pushed her; this time somewhat harder than at first.

With this, Miss Baksh went to the end of the line. When the line had moved into the bus and she again presented her ticket to the driver, he refused to accept the ticket and informed her that she would not be allowed on the bus.

Miss Baksh went inside the bus station and protested to the agent. After some confusion, during which a second bus left for Atlanta, the agent saw to it that Miss Baksh was placed on a third bus.

Miss Baksh declared that the driver of the first bus was extremely rude to her in his manner and his use of language. She states that he shoved her at least twice and that the second time he did so it was necessary for her to struggle to keep her balance. In her opinion, the driver's actions were due to the fact that she was a person of color. The incident has made a strong impression on her and it is likely that this confirms all the rumors of poor race relations which she has heard. The State Department and the American Council on Education evidently wished to illustrate to Miss Baksh that much of a constructive nature is being done in race relations in the South. It was for this reason that it was arranged to have her visit Atlanta.

This incident defeated much, if not all, of the purpose of that visit.

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September 3, 1958

The Editor
The Alabama Journal
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to a series on Communists and integration originally published in the New Bedford *Standard-Times* and recently reprinted by your newspaper. Article number two of this series made false and damaging statements about the origins of the Southern Regional Council.

The enclosed editorial from the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* answers these charges far more effectively and objectively than we could. I trust that you will also want to correct these untrue statements. Accordingly, this is to ask that you reprint the *Times-Dispatch* editorial or such appropriate excerpts from it as you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond *Times-Dispatch* Editorial, 8/21/58)

September 3, 1958

The Editor
The Jackson Daily News
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

This is in reference to a series on Communists and integration originally published in the New Bedford Standard-Times and recently reprinted by your newspaper. Article number two of this series made false and damaging statements about the origins of the Southern Regional Council.

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Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

BC to: Rbt. Hughes
Mr. Albert C. Winn
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

September 3, 1958

The Editor
The Birmingham Post-Herald
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Sir:

This is further to my letter of August 6, 1958, which so far has had no acknowledgment.

The enclosed editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch refutes far more persuasively and objectively than we could do the false statements about the Southern Regional Council contined in the series reprinted by you from the New Bedford Standard-Times.

I trust you will want to correct the false charges made in your columns against a group of reputable Southerners. Accordingly, this is to ask that you reprint the enclosed editorial or such appropriate excerpts from it as you may see fit.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

September 3, 1958

The Honorable Francis E. Walter
House Committee on Un-American Activities
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Walter:

This is a further note on the matter about which Mr. M. A. Wright, then president of this Council, wrote you on March 14, 1957. Mr. Wright called to your attention our protest of certain unfounded charges against the Council made during the hearings of the Louisiana legislative committee headed by State Senator William Rainach.

Recently these same charges have been revived and publicized in a newspaper series. Since this material has probably come routinely to the attention of the staff of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, we should like to reiterate its baselessness and to send the enclosure for your files. This editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch represents the informed conclusions of a conservative Southern newspaper which differs fundamentally from the Council's racial views but is at pains to distinguish fact from injurious fancy.

We shall appreciate your making this editorial a part of the Committee's files. And

I should like to repeat Mr. Wright's earlier assurance that we will gladly cooperate with the Committee in any effort to establish the facts about the Southern Regional Council's origin, history, or activities.

With appreciation for your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.

August 12, 1958

The Executive Committee convened in the Conference Room of the Southern Regional Council at 10:00 A. M.

Members of the Committee present:

James M. Dabbs, presiding; Mrs. Grace T. Hamilton, Miss Josephine Wilkins, Paul Christopher, B. R. Brazeal, John Griffin, Albert W. Dent, Alexander O. Sigur, Marion A. Wright, and Duncan Hunter. (John Wheeler and Paul Williams expressed their regrets at being unable to attend.)

SRC staff members present in open sessions:

Harold C. Fleming, Fred Routh, Mrs. Ruth Alexander, Miss Marge Manderson, Paul Anthony, C. H. Parrish, John Constable, Leslie W. Dunbar, Emory F. Via, and Mrs. Mildred Flowers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Invocation was offered, the agenda adopted, minutes of the last meeting approved, and the Personnel Committee instructed as follows: to study the various employment benefits now available to the staff and additional benefits which might be considered. The Committee was asked to report its findings to the full Executive Committee at its next meeting, preceding the Annual Meeting.

GENERAL SESSION

Report of the Executive Director

The Executive Director read an account of SRC program activities, later distributed as the Midsummer Report. There followed a discussion of the attack on SRC by the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times as reprinted by the Richmond Times-Dispatch of which Virginius Dabney is editor. It was pointed out that Mr. Dabney was one of the founders of the Southern Regional Council, and it was agreed that he should be asked to publish a correction of the false charges concerning SRC's origins.

Dr. Dent stated, for the Committee, that the program report contained valuable information which should be distributed as a means of acquainting persons with the types of work in which the Council is engaged. He recommended that the report be put in mimeographed form and distributed generally to appropriate persons.

The Executive Director indicated that the report would be sent to each Committee member in lots of five (5), accompanied by post cards for the purpose of requesting additional copies if desired.

Financial Reports

Mrs. Ruth Alexander and Paul Anthony submitted mimeographed copies of the January 1 - June 30, 1958 Audit and the Budget Report (attached) which were approved by the Committee.

Report on State Councils and Staff Meeting

Fred Routh presented a summary report of the State Staff Conference which was convened at Fisk University in conjunction with the Fisk Race Relations Institute in July. Representatives were present from the State Councils of Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Harold Fleming, Fred Routh, C. H. Parrish, and John Hope of the staff, and Mr. and Mrs. James M. Dabbs, represented the Council.

It was reported that the state organizations are functioning on their own initiative since becoming independent groups as of October 1, 1957. Out of the discussions at the Conference, a helpful exchange of information resulted as to effective programs that can be developed by the State Councils.

Summary reports on individual State Councils followed. New staff directors recently employed include: Georgia, Dr. W. C. Cowart; Tennessee, Mr. John Pate; and, Virginia, Mr. Paul Rilling. The Arkansas Council has added a second professional staff member, Mr. John Walker.

Rockefeller Brothers Fund Project

Earlier, the Executive Committee had been informed that the Rockefeller Brothers Fund had made available to the SRC a grant of $40,000 a year for a period of three years. The Executive Director reported that through this project it is the aim of SRC to use all the resources it can command to reach decision-makers as they are confronted by the increasing demands of change in the field of race relations. As a first step toward implementing the project, Dr. Leslie Dunbar was employed by the Council, on a temporary basis, to assess pertinent materials and data which may be used in this effort.

The project will embrace three main areas:

(1) Economic - (Business and Industry)

(2) Law Enforcement - (Police Officers and Community Leaders)

(3) Education - (Educators and Administrators)

The Committee discussed the project at length and gave the staff the benefit of their thinking on implementation of the program. It was generally agreed, however, that little should be done in the way of fixing program procedures until a project director has been selected.

GENERAL SESSION - Afternoon

Specific Proposals in Regard to Program Activities

A draft letter addressed to the President of the United States was presented to the Committee by the staff. The letter was approved by the Committee after several amendments were made. (Copy attached.) It was agreed that the letter should bear the signature of each Committee member present. It was further agreed that SRC should not release the letter to the press or otherwise publicize this action. The Executive Director was directed by the Committee to deliver the letter personally to the President or to a suitable member of the President's staff.

Other Business

The Executive Director assured the Executive Committee that the staff is still mindful of its responsibility for planning and implementing the International Institute proposed at previous Committee meetings, but indicated that fund-raising efforts have slowed up its progress.

The Committee was asked by the Director if it would, at a later date, review the original conception of the Institute in the light of changing circumstances.

Annual Meeting

November 11 was reaffirmed as the date of the Annual Meeting, as prescribed by the By-Laws. It was agreed that an Executive Committee meeting be set for the afternoon of November 10, commencing at 1:30 P.M., to consider those matters to be submitted to the full Council for action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

September 3, 1958

Copy sent to Edwin J. Lukas

VIA AIR MAIL

September 3, 1958

The Editor
The Standard-Times
New Bedford, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

This is in further reference to my letter of August 6, 1958 which has so far been neither acknowledged nor published, according to my latest information.

I am enclosing a copy of an editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch which corrects the misstatements about the Southern Regional Council appearing in your recent series by Mr. Simmons. I am sure you will agree that the Times-Dispatch is an informed and objective source.

This is to request that, in the interest of fairness and accuracy, you reprint the enclosed editorial.

I trust we may anticipate an early reply.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial)

VIA AIR MAIL September 3, 1958

Mr. John W. Alexander
406 Riverside Drive
New York, New York

Dear John:

On behalf of the Council and for myself, I want to thank you warmly for coming to the New York luncheon last week and giving such a fine account of the situation in Arlington. We could not have asked for a more lucid and helpful presentation. I'm sure the network officials went away with a much deeper understanding of the events their news staffs will be covering in the weeks to come.

As soon as we receive your expense report, the reimbursement will be on its way. Meanwhile, enclosed is a modest honorarium as a token of our appreciation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check for $35.00)

VIA AIR MAIL September 3, 1958

Mrs. Bonita Valien
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Bonita:

On behalf of the Council and for myself, I want to thank you warmly for coming to the New York luncheon last week and giving such a fine account of the situation in Charlottesville. We could not have asked for a more lucid and helpful presentation. I'm sure the network officials went away with a much deeper understanding of the events their news staffs will be covering in the weeks to come.

As soon as we receive your expense report, the reimbursement will be on its way. Meanwhile, enclosed is a modest honorarium as a token of our appreciation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check for $35.00)

VIA AIR MAIL September 3, 1958

Mr. P. B. Young, Jr.
Editor
The Journal and Guide
Norfolk, Virginia

Dear Mr. Young:

On behalf of the Council and for myself, I want to thank you warmly for coming to the New York luncheon last week and giving such a fine account of the situation in Norfolk. We could not have asked for a more lucid and helpful presentation. I'm sure the network officials went away with a much deeper understanding of the events their news staffs will be covering in the weeks to come.

As soon as we receive your expense report, the reimbursement will be on its way. Meanwhile, enclosed is a modest honorarium as a token of our appreciation.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check for $35.00)

cc: Mr. Thomas W. Young

VIA AIR MAIL September 3, 1958

Mr. David C. Walden
714 W. California
Pasadena, California

Dear Mr. Walden:

The same mail that brought your much-appreciated letter brought a note and check for $2,500 from Dr. Hopkins. Needless to say, we were both relieved and deeply grateful.

Many thanks for your interest and help in this matter.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 3, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 South 46th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

No news can be good news, it seems. We just received a check for $2,500 from Prynce Hopkins! It seems the grant was approved early this summer but the check-signers weren't available.

I'm mindful that we first learned of the Hopkins Fund through you, and I could only wish your own request had also been approved.

Our appreciation, as always, and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 3, 1958

Dr. Prynce Hopkins
1920 Garden Street
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Hopkins:

We are deeply grateful to you and the Hopkins Charitable Fund for the generous contribution to the Council, just received. This heartening support could not be more timely; the delay only served to increase our gratification at the favorable action on the Council's request.

I shall be sending you periodic reports on the work of the Council, including those activities specifically made possible by the Fund's grant.

Meanwhile, our warmest thanks and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Official Receipt; Midsummer Report, 1958)

September 4, 1958

Mr. Ralph McGill
Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Ralph:

Here are some extra copies of Dabney's editorial. More readily available if you can use them. We are giving it wide distribution, and I will follow your advice about Russell.

Thanks and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 6 (Times-Dispatch Editorial)

September 4, 1958

Mr. M. K. Stone
Standard Evening High School
Broad & Green Streets
Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Stone:

In reply to your recent request, you will find enclosed information we have compiled for you on voter registration requirements in the six states you named. Our source for this material was the 1958-59 Book of the States, with the exception of the notes on the amount of poll taxes in Texas and Arkansas. Here our source was a compilation of election laws published in the 1940's, and I would suggest that you contact your local library for later and more complete information, since poll tax data is your specific interest.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

ARKANSAS - Minimum Age: 21
Residence in State - 12 months
Residence in County - 6 months
Residence in District - 1 month

Literacy test - No

Poll tax - Yes, $1.00, payable between 3rd Monday in February and October 1st.

LOUISIANA - Minimum Age: 21

Residence in State - 1 year
Residence in County - 1 year
Residence in District - 3 months

Literacy test : Yes

Poll tax: No

TEXAS - Minimum Age: 21

Residence in State - 1 year
Residence in County - 6 months
Residence in District - 6 months

Literacy test: No

Poll tax: Yes, $1.50 per annum, not expressly cumulative.

MARYLAND - Minimum Age: 21 years

Residence in State - 1 year
Residence in County - 6 months
Residence in District - 6 months

Literacy test - No

Poll Tax - No

DELAWARE - Minimum Age: 21

Residence in State - 1 year
Residence in County - 3 months
Residence in District - 30 days

Literacy Test - Yes
Poll tax - No

WEST VIRGINIA - Minimum Age: 21

Residence in State - 1 year
Residence in County - 60 days
Residence in District - None

Literacy test - No

Poll tax - No

MATERIALS SENT:

Publication Listings
September NEW SOUTH
SRC Origins and Aims
JOURNAL & GUIDE reprint
NEW YORK TIMES reprint

September 4, 1958

Mr. Roland Wingfield
616 Royal Street
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Wingfield:

Thank you for your inquiry dated August 30th. We are enclosing herewith some descriptive information on the Council.

Although we do not have open membership, we invite your affiliation with SRC through subscription to the monthly NEW·SOUTH. Subscribers also receive our other publications.

There are no regional branches of our organization and we no longer maintain a direct affiliation with the Councils of Human Relations in various states; however, Doctor Albert Dent of Dillard University will be happy to provide you with information about activity in human relations in the New Orleans area.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 5

September 4, 1958

Mr. John Hope II
54 Morningside Drive
Apt. #53
New York, New York

Dear John:

Enclosed is a copy of a report-letter from Paul Rilling on his first month in Virginia. It is a good report about a none too happy situation.

Of immediate concern to us is the situation in Charlottesville. I know the difficulties of communicating in a meaningful way with the group; I am aware that agreements become elusive things; I am conscious that confirmation is sought for pre-determined activities. In spite of all this, I am concerned that the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter feels demoralized, divided, and frustrated and sees but two alternatives open to it: to continue past approaches at the same degree of intensity or to go "underground".

It had been my hope, after the visit you and Harry Walker made to Charlottesville, that they could see useful things to do in the current situation. I believe it would be helpful if you would summarize your suggestions to the group and send them to Paul Rilling.

Also, if you think it appropriate, a letter to Mrs. Makielski encouraging effective next steps--based on your suggestions--would be helpful in building morale. Since you and Harry interpreted to them what might be done, a follow-up letter would come naturally. Obviously no reference should be made to Paul's report.

Recent reports from the Old Dominion tend to confirm our statement that the constitutional issue of Federal Rights vs State Authority will be joined in this month.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Paul Rilling

September 4, 1958

Mr. Harold B. Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belvidere Street
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Hal:

The enclosed are copies of a Wall Street Journal article on the prospects for desegregation in Virginia. The reporting end of the Journal is generally quite responsible. I think this article shows an interesting cross-section of opinion supporting desegregation rather than the closing of schools. The cross-section reaches even into the power structure of the communities involved. In general this agrees with information which we have here.

It is important to remember the whole weight of constitutional opinion is against allowing state help (scholarships, etc.) to private schools, which is the only alternative to school closing that this article uncovered as having any real support. Of course, the shaky attempts at a truly private system would rapidly lose teachers and educational support and would never become accredited. You have recognized this yourself and know what a blight it would be to the whole educational system and especially to the children of working people for whom the future could hold so much more than at any time in our past.

I think all of this argues well for the Virginia State AFL-CIO's position for preserving the public schools. Even more than this, the labor movement in Virginia has the opportunity to identify once again with the future and not with the crumbling past. I believe it is a future which will produce increased respect and even community support for those who have counseled reason and a frank facing of new adjustments in a modern and democratic society.

I know that these are troublesome times for you and the executive board; I firmly believe that the risks of right action are all short-run and that the gains are to be seen both in short and long-run terms.

I want you to know that I continue ready to be of service to the Virginia State AFL-CIO either for consultation, aiding in public interpretation, or in relating to the other groups in Virginia who wish to see public education maintained and the peace preserved.

Best personal wishes to you, Julian, and Brewster.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc.

September 4, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

You may have forgotten that you told me you might find out something about this Mr. M. G. Lowman of Cincinnati, who styles himself as the Executive Secretary of the Circuit Riders. You may remember that I gave you some facts about him. Lest you have forgotten I am enclosing another copy. He is still at his dirty work of defaming the Southern Regional Council, and we need to know something of his background.

I am looking forward to having you lead the discussion for me on the morning of the 17th [illegible] out at Clark. Your reservation will be at Clark.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 4, 1958

Mrs. A. A. Hardy
Thomaston, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hardy:

I saw Mr. Oliver one day last week and he told me how wonderful you had been at Camp Glissen, and how you answered another emergency call.

John Constable heard me dictating a letter to you and said, "Tell Mrs. Hardy hello, I like her very much." So you see a lot of us love you.

Under separate cover, you will find something from Mr. Tilly. He did not know about it until I told him, and he was delighted that he could have the opportunity to send it to you.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 4, 1958

Miss Annie Tait Jenkins
349 Ponce de Leon Avenue
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie Tait:

I have tried several times to call you, but as I received no reply to the calls, I suppose you have been away on a much needed vacation.

I feel more than weak now that you will not be at 341 Ponce de Leon Avenue. You have been a stay to me through the years and I have come to rely on you more and more.

I do hope you are going to be at the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17. I know the women would want some message from you about the issues which we face today. The women know that you have been a co-partner with me in this work, and would like to have a message from you.

With love and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 4, 1958

Mrs. E. B. Ennis
1536 Holland
Norfolk 9, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

I suppose by now you are back in Norfolk. We would certainly appreciate some first hand information of what is happening in Norfolk. It has been sometime since we have heard from you and we need to have a direct view of what is happening right at the scene of things.

You have not said whether you are coming to the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17. Most of us will be staying at Bumstead women's dormitory at Atlanta University. The meeting will be at Kresge Hall at Clark, which is just a block away.

I would appreciate hearing from you both about Norfolk and about your acceptance of the invitation for October 16-17.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

Originals of this ltr sent to:
Sinway Young
Victor Bussie

September 4, 1958

Mr. Sam Ezelle
Kentucky State Federation of Labor
312 Armory Place
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sam:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a group of thoughtful church women who wish to give prayerful consideration to the problems of the South and who seek ways to give expression to their own religious motivations in the broad field of social action. Mrs. M. E. Tilley of our staff gives the group leadership along with many volunteers all over the South; it is a group which over the years has engaged in sensible and helpful projects to aid the cause of decency and democracy.

Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilley is prepared to cover the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern state. We are not in a position to cover the cost of lost time.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion - within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilley then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc.

VIA AIR MAIL September 4, 1958

Miss Helen Fuller
The New Republic
1244 - 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Helen:

We thought the Wall Street Journal article on Negro candidates very helpful. Most of the background material was from our files. Enclosed is some additional information that you might want to draw on for a New Republic comment.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures: List of Negroes holding public office in Southern States.
List of Negroes who have run for office, Jan.-Aug. '58
Info. on three congressional districts having over 54% Negro population.
Pp. 68 — 71 from Integration North & South, Fleming and Loth

Should be 50%

MM

September 4, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
939 Church Street
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

Sorry to be so slow on your letter of August 19th. Your suggestions for my stint at the Southern Labor School are good and I accept them wholly. Thanks for sending me Dr. Moore's outline.

I look forward to being with you on the 14th.

Fraternally yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 4, 1958

Mr. Boyd Payton, Regional Director
TWUA
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Boyd:

It was good to have been with you and the Southern staff for the conference on August 21st. I trust that some of the things you want which will bring greater successes in the South were realized. However, I am certainly aware of the difficulties in making such a conference produce the desired ends.

My expenses for the trip in to Charlotte were as follows:

transportation	$12.00
room and meals	9.50
film rental	1.50
total	$23.00

The check may be made payable either to the Southern Regional Council or to me.

I look forward to working with you in the future and hope you will feel free to call on me whenever I can be of assistance.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 4, 1958

Mr. John Cauthen, Executive Vice-president
South Carolina Textile Manufacturers' Association
1420 Lady Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Cauthen:

I am frankly at a loss regarding your letter to me of September 3rd. I do not believe that I have seen the publication to which you refer and certainly I have not distributed it. Is it possible that there has been some crossing of correspondence in your office or that someone is making use of my name and affiliation? I would be interested in finding out.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 4, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

The enclosed letter from Mr. John Cauthen leaves me at a loss. I've had no correspondence with him or the Textile Manufacturers' Association. Can you shed any light on this? I thought that perhaps he might have seen "Industrialization: Accent on the South" and had it connected to my name, but that the correspondence in his office got switched. My main interest is to know that my name is not being used in support of documents or causes about which I know nothing.

No action is indicated on your part, but I thought you might have some clue as to what Cauthen might have received which occasioned his having my name or cause to write to me. Please don't make any special effort to find the source of the mix-up.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 4, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your report-letter on your first month in the Old Dominion. In spite of the many vacationing key persons, it sounds as if you are digging-in in a significant way.

Your trips to Charlottesville and Norfolk were wise. I trust you got to see Phil Stern on your trip through Arlington enroute to the meeting of the National Civil Liberties Clearing House. He is an able guy in a key slot who is on our side.

As you will see from the enclosed copy of my letter to John Hope II, I am disturbed by what you report about the morale of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Chapter. I trust John will take steps to let them know we still love them.

If you want me to come to Virginia for school opening let me know. I am not sure I could be of any real use but would be willing to come. If there is particular need for me to attend the State Board meeting, I could make it - however, it might be better for you to handle this one solo. The decision is yours.

We'll keep in touch. Feel free to call us collect if anything breaks.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 4, 1958

Mr. Boyd Payton
Regional Director, TWUA
100 West 6th Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Boyd:

The enclosed copy of a letter from Mr. John Cauthen leaves me bewildered. I've had no correspondence with him and do not know the publication to which he refers. Perhaps he came across something else which I have either said or distributed and meant to be writing in another regard, but his office slipped up.

If any clues suggest themselves to you from anything else you may have heard I would be interested. In the meantime, I thought you might want to know of the report which he mentions and the distribution which it has received.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc. copy of Mr. Cauthen's ltr.

Southern R Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN A ORGIA
-3764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

MEMORANDUM September 4,1958

To: All Participating Agencies

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: **FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN INTERAGENCY CONFERENCE.**

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SRC
Staff

At the last meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference, the group decided to hold the next meeting in Atlanta on October 7th and 8th. This is a reminder of that meeting.

The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the Administration Building, Atlanta University; commencing at 2:00 P. M. on October 7th and running through noon on October 8th. The group will have dinner on the evening of the 7th at the A. U. Dining Hall.

Tartt Bell of the American Friends Service Committee will serve as chairman of the meeting. Major subjects on the agenda will be a discussion of summer activities and future plans in the Virginia communities and Little Rock, and a discussion of the role of the Executive Department of the Federal Government in the current desegregation controversy. If you have suggestions for the agenda, please send them to Mr. Bell or to this office.

If you desire overnight accommodations on the campus at Atlanta University, please let us know as soon as possible. If there are other special arrangements which you would like to have us handle, please let us know.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

September 5, 1958

Dr. Theodore Leskes
Fifteenth Floor
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ted:

We are now receiving "For Your Information" regularly and much appreciate~~d~~ it. It gives us insights into activities that are of interest to us but are often difficult to run down.

The last issue just arrived. I note that the envelope was sealed with scotch tape; I wonder if this was done in your office or is someone tampering with the mail?

I look forward to seeing you at the annual NAIRO meeting in Pittsburg. I hope things go well with you.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh

FBR:ls

September 5, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Tennessee State Labor Council
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a group of thoughtful church women who wish to give prayerful consideration to the problems of the South and who seek ways to give expression to their own religious motivations in the broad field of social action. Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff gives the group leadership along with many volunteers all over the South; it is a group which over the years has engaged in sensible and helpful projects to aid the cause of decency and democracy.

You will recall that Ruth Vaughn and Lucille Thornburg attended last year at your suggestion and Mrs. Tilly was delighted at the role they played. Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilly is prepared to cover the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern State. We are not in a position to cover the cost of lost time.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion - within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilly then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory. F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 5, 1958

Mr. W. M. Barbee, President
North Carolina State AFL-CIO
807 First Citizens Bank Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Brother Barbee:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

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Mrs. Clyde Rhue attended last year at your suggestion and was a real asset to the group. Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilly is prepared to cover the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern state. We are not in a position to cover the cost of lost time.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion - within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilly then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc.

September 5, 1958

Mr. Harold Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 N. Belvidere Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Hal:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a group of thoughtful church women who wish to give prayerful consideration to the problems of the South and who seek ways to give expression to their own religious motivations in the broad field of social action. Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff gives the group leadership along with many volunteers all over the South; it is a group which over the years has engaged in sensible and helpful projects to aid the cause of decency and democracy.

You will recall that Mrs. Aileen Mercer attended last year at your suggestion and was a real asset to the group. Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilly is prepared to cover the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern state. We are not in a position to cover the cost of lost time.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion - within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilly then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory. F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc.

Originals sent also to:
W. A. Montague - Ga. State AFL-CIO
V. H. Williams - Ark. Lbr. Council

September 5, 1958

Mr. Barney Weeks
Alabama Labor Council, AFL-CIO
604 Lyric Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Brother Weeks:

I would like to have your suggestion of a woman from your state who is both a church woman and a unionist who would be interested in participating in the meeting of the Fellowship of the Concerned described in the enclosed materials. My guess is that it would be simpler not to try to make this any kind of official representative, since the Fellowship itself is not a delegate body. Your personal suggestion is all that is needed.

The Fellowship of the Concerned is a group of thoughtful church women who wish to give prayerful consideration to the problems of the South and who seek ways to give expression to their own religious motivations in the broad field of social action. Mrs. M. E. Tilly of our staff gives the group leadership along with many volunteers all over the South; it is a group which over the years has engaged in sensible and helpful projects to aid the cause of decency and democracy.

Last year four union women attended the meetings and they made a distinctive contribution to the proceedings. They were most welcome by the rest of the conference and this year we are attempting to increase their number. Either a staff person or local member of quality would do. Mrs. Tilly is prepared to cover the transportation and hospitality cost for one such union woman from each Southern state. We are not in a position to cover the cost of lost time.

Your attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated and I look forward to some word from you as to your suggestion - within a week, if it is possible; Mrs. Tilly then would correspond directly with the person involved.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
enc.

VIA AIR MAIL September 5, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks so much for pursuing the question of the New Bedford Standard-Times series.

I have written the editor of the Standard-Times a second letter, copy enclosed. Also I was assured by Virginius Dabney that he would, himself, send a copy of his editorial to the Standard-Times with a suggestion that they make appropriate corrections. So far, I have had no response at all from the Standard-Times.

It would be most helpful indeed if your New Bedford constituent could use his influence with the editor in support of our request for a retraction.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Copy of HCF ltr. to New Bedford Standard-Times)

September 5, 1958

Mr. Isadore Zack
Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith
72 Franklin Street
Suite 504
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Zack:

I am happy to send you the additional copies of the Times-Dispatch editorial, which are enclosed.

It's good to know that you are working to counteract the effect of the Simmons series in Massachusetts and New Bedford. If there is any further way in which we can assist, do let me know.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 10 (Richmond-Times Dispatch Editorial)

September 5, 1958

Mrs. C. R. Avera
Roberta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Avera:

We are having a two days workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned at Clark College, October 16-17. I do want you to come to this workshop, and of course travel and entertainment expenses will be cared for by Southern Regional Council. You can stay either at Piedmont Hotel or Clark College, and I understand perfectly if you have to stay at Piedmont. Please know that I do understand the situation in which you are working.

I think of you often and I believe you will do us good to come to our meeting. Enclosed you will find the information. You will have to let me know so that I may make your reservation at the Piedmont or at Clark. Please specify.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of ~~Information~~
Women work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 5, 1958

Mrs. Duval Chambers
3517 Deverus Road
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Chambers:

I wrote to you on July 21, asking for a list of Episcopalians to invite to the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I suppose you have been away on vacation. I would appreciate it if you would send this list to us so that invitations might be sent to them. Please let me hear from you soon.

I hope you are planning to be with us. I do not think you have been with us since the time we had Mrs. Roosevelt. You will find a great welcome if you come this time.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 5, 1958

Mrs. Julius Lipman
Temple Sisterhood, Southern Region
P. O. Box 6266
St. Petersburg Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lipman:

Summer vacations always delay correspondence. On August 13, I wrote to you to give us the list of people of the Temple Sisterhood whom we might invite to the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I would appreciate it if you would send this list to us so that invitations might be sent to them, before their calendar becomes too full.

I hope you plan to be with us.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 5, 1958

Miss Marjorie Clough
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
450 House Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Clough:

Thank you for your letter of September 3, 1958, concerning material of the Southern Regional Council. Under separate cover, we are sending you a packet of material in which you may be interested. In addition we are adding Representative Bolton's name to our mailing list.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/lec

September 5, 1958

Mrs. Addie Mae Jameison
483 College Street
Macon, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Jameison:

On October 16-17, we are having a workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned as we have had in the years past. (See enclosure) I do want the rural workers of the North Georgia Conference to be with us but I do not have the full list of either conference. Please either send me the list, or notify them that they have this opportunity, with travel and entertainment cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

I want to know soon if they are coming as reservations will have to be made for them at Bumstead Hall, Atlanta University. This dorm is just a block away from Kresge Hall, Clark College whare the meeting will be held.

With the best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 5, 1958

Mrs. Aaron Farr
934 - 79th Terrace
Miami Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Farr:

Summer vacations always delay correspondence. On August 18, I wrote to you to give us the list of people of the Council of Jewish Women whom we might invite to the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. I would appreciate it if you could send this list to us so that invitations might be sent to them, before their calendar becomes too full.

I hope you plan to be with us.

With the best of wishes to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 8, 1958

Mrs. Clara Lee Pafford
Department of Education
City of Atlanta
68 Mitchell Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Pafford:

This is a belated but most sincere expression of appreciation for the time you gave Miss Saeeda Baksh during her visit to Atlanta. I am all the more grateful since I can imagine the demands made on your time during the opening week of schools.

Miss Baksh's interests were almost exclusively with public school education and, as I have informed the American Council on Education, your help was quite literally invaluable.

If at any time we may be of service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Sent to Bill Peters

September 8, 1958

(In reference to Federal employment of Negroes in professional, technical, supervisory, and clerical capacities.)

Immediately following World War II, there was an increased interest in the employment of Negro personnel in Federal agencies. A few new patterns were established. Since the early post war endeavors there has been no appreciable improvement, in the South, in the utilization of Negroes in federal employment. In a few situations internal pressure within an agency by Negro employees themselves - usually combining local and national effort - has led to some upgrading. Occasionally, an individual in government service dedicated to equal opportunity, will hire, or influence the hiring, of a Negro into a position under his supervision. Other than these two lines of action, I am not aware of any effective government activity seeking to implement its stated policy of equal opportunity in Federal employment.

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council

EFV:ls

September 8, 1958

COPE
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me one (1) copy of COPE publication number 43, "How to Get Out the Vote," prepared by the AFL-CIO Committee on Political Education.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 8, 1958

Mrs. Ernestine Comer
Office of the President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Comer:

This is to confirm our conversation that the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned of the Southern Regional Council, will be October 16-17, and we are so glad to know that we can have rooms at Bumstead dormitory.

As I told you before, your kindness and goodness in making this possible for us to have this facility is more than appreciated.

We will need breakfast on the morning of the 17th. I will let you know a little later just how many there will be in the dormitory and for breakfast.

Sincerely thanking you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 8, 1958

Mrs. W. Murdock MacLeod
General Director
General Department of United Churchwomen
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

Enclosed is an announcement of the next scheduled meeting of the Southern Interagency Conference; the cooperative effort of some thirty agencies, organizations and religious groups concerned with race relations in the South.

I believe you were in correspondence with Paul Rilling concerning the last meeting.

If possible, we would very much like to have you with us for this meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 8, 1958

Mr. H. B. Sissel
Associate Secretary
Board of Christian Education of the
Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Ben:

Your letter and my memo obviously crossed in the mails, each answering the others questions.

We are today sending a copy of the announcement of the Interagency meeting to John Marion and J. Metz Rollins, Jr. Will look forward to having both of them with us. Trust you too will be down.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 8, 1958

Mr. Wright Baker
The Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

With apologies for having taken so long to respond to your memorandum of August 29th, the following are some rather hastily thrown together impressions of Miss Baksh's recent visit to Atlanta.

Miss Baksh was, of course, primarily interested in schools and education. Accordingly, we were able to have her spend two days in pre-school teacher workshops conducted by the Atlanta public school system. She was able to visit several schools though the visits were on opening day and did not afford a good opportunity to observe the normal scene. During the rest of her stay in Atlanta, with the exception of a brief visit to the University of Georgia, it was necessary to occupy Miss Baksh with more general activities; little connected with education. In light of her very strong interests, it is unfortunate that Miss Baksh spent most of her time in this country when our public school system was the least active.

As an aside, but possibly of some significance, Miss Baksh experienced the rudeness of a bus driver in Athens, about which I wrote you earlier. While it is to be hoped that she was able to properly evaluate this experience, it would be interesting to know, now that some time has passed, what impressions remain. I am all the more interested since Miss Baksh showed no interest in the Southern race problem and had little inclination to discuss this subject.

Miss Baksh was generally enthusiastic and appreciative of the efforts which had been made on her behalf by the various persons in Washington and on her route. This was especially true of her hostess in Dallas. Concerning her Atlanta visit, I had something of the impression that Miss Baksh was not too enthusiastic. No doubt the long Labor Day weekend was at least partially responsible for this. For, while Miss Baksh was a most charming and gracious lady, she was an exceedingly demanding guest who wanted to be kept active during every minute of her stay.

In fact, a number of persons in Atlanta made an unusual effort to entertain Miss Baksh and from several I concluded that they did not find it to be a particularly satisfying experience. Greatest difficulty seemed to arise from Miss Baksh's almost exclusive interest in education.

(This raises in my own mind the need on the part of the Council to avoid, when possible, visitors who are in the city over weekends, especially when such visitors need a great deal of personal attention, and when the visitor's interests are not such as to coincide with those of the Council's contacts who are especially helpful on weekends and in social affairs.)

All of which is to say that Miss Baksh had an admirable interest in pursuing her major purpose in being in this country and had little patience in being occupied with general matters. And, since the timing of her visit to Atlanta meant that much of her time was spent in general matters it is difficult to determine either the value of her visit, or her feelings on the stay in this city.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

P. S. Thought you'd be interested in the enclosed.

September 8, 1958

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear George:

Scarcely a day passes without multiple considerations of the question, "What is the news of the Mitchells?" At last I am facing up to the fact that, if we would hear, we must must be heard from.

Here then is some recent evidence that SRC's flag still flies. Appropriately, the enclosures deal with (1) program, (2) finances and, (3) attack and defense.

Though the situation in the South appears to worsen steadily, SRC continues to wax; perhaps that's cause and effect.

You'll note from the audit that we finally made the grade with Rockefeller Brothers -- $40,000 a year for three years. Of course, we're expected to deliver a series of miracles for the money, but it was ever so. I think I wrote you that Dave Freeman is now snugly berthed with the Brothers Fund.

Mr. Dabbs has given birth to his book ("The Southern Heritage"). It's enjoying a good press, as it should. Doubtless you've received a copy, since Mr. Knopf himself wrote us for your address.

But, if not, let me know and we'll send one when we acquire our modest supply.

Staff-wise, we continue much the same. All of us would rejoice in an account of the new house and the Mitchells' activities therein -- or thereout, if so be it. (Some speculation that you may be called in to consult on London's Notting Hill troubles.)

Warm regards to you and Alice and the young ladies.

Yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

102, 730, 000
32, 212, 000

whites 134, 942, 000
Negros 17, 000, 000

151 942, 000

is that all?

Yes - 1950 - See letter, MM

September 9, 1958

Reverend Claude W. Warren
2408 Thomas Avenue
Redondo Beach, California

Dear Reverend Warren:

Answers to the questions you asked in your letter of September 6th are:

1. The total white population in the thirteen states you mentioned (listed on attached sheet) is 32,212,529.

2. The total white population in the rest of the United States is 102,730,499.

3. The total Negro population in the thirteen states is 9,400,167.

4. The Negro population in the rest of the United States is 5,642,119.

5. According to the 1950 census (from which the above figures were taken) almost one fourth of the United States' Negro population lives in the North.

6. 208,616 Negroes lived in the standard metropolitan area of Birmingham, Alabama in 1950.

A population breakdown for the thirteen southern states in which you are interested is enclosed.

Sincerely yours,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

	WHITE	NEGRO
Florida	2,166,051	603,101
Georgia	2,380,577	1,062,762
Alabama	2,079,591	979,617
Mississippi	1,188,632	986,494
Louisiana	1,796,683	882,428
Texas	6,726,534	977,458
Tennessee	2,760,257	530,603
South Carolina	1,293,405	822,077
North Carolina	2,983,121	1,047,353
Virginia	2,581,555	734,211
Arkansas	1,481,507	426,639
Kentucky	2,742,090	201,921
Oklahoma	2,032,526	145,503

Materials sent Mrs. D. D. Terry
September 9, 1958

IN THE HEARTS OF MEN...
SOME FACTS ABOUT LYNCHING
DARE THEY WITNESS?
FELLOWSHIP OF THE CONCERNED
Collier's, "Mrs. Tilly's Crusade"

Blind copy: Miss Tilly

September 9, 1958

Mrs. D. D. Terry
411 E. 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Terry:

We are more than a little chagrined at finding your letter of August 19th still unanswered. Mrs. Tilly, to whom it is addressed, has been out of the office almost incessantly during this period and even now is away at a conference.

Upon her return she will want to write you and tell you in detail of the Fellowship of the Concerned--church women concerned about their South; and doing something about it!

In the meantime I am sending you some materials on the activities of church women in the South and also about the Fellowship of the Concerned.

We are pleased that you have been in touch with Nat Griswold. The Arkansas Council is doing a good job and is one of the few avenues of communication between whites and Negroes.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encls.
c.c. Nat Griswold

September 9, 1958

Mr. Peter E. Siegle
4819 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Peter:

I will be glad to serve on the committee to advise CSLEA on relations with Negro colleges. Please let me know as early as possible when the committee meeting is to be held.

You will note that future communications should be directed to me at the University of Louisville.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

VIA AIR MAIL September 9, 1958

Mr. Henry Putzel, Jr.
Chief, Voting Section
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Putzel:

Concerning the Georgia Voters Registration Acts, I have just discovered the enclosed brief, which should be of substantial help to you. It is an amicus brief in an old case before the Supreme Court of Georgia challenging the constitutionality of the Voters Registration Act of 1949. (The dismissal of the case on a technical point is indicated in the handwritten note on the face of the brief.)

In addition to the constitutional arguments, there begins on page 10 lengthy documentation of the discriminatory intent of the 1949 statute. Since the 1958 statute is the successor of the 1949 and incorporates most of the same provisions, this should be applicable to the current act.

You will note that the brief is signed by, among others, Elbert P. Tuttle, now Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

When the copy of the brief has served your purposes, please return it to me.

Needless to say, we are following with great interest the newly instituted Terrell County case.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1.

September 9, 1958

Mr. H. Vance Greenslit, President
Southeastern Greyhound Lines
P. O. Box 297
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Greenslit:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 5th correcting our misimpression that Miss Baksh's difficulties were with a Southeastern Greyhound driver. Of course, I greatly regret this error in the account that was given to us of the incident. For whatever it's worth, I offer the positive thought that this indicates the strong identification of busses and Greyhound in the public mind. I appreciate your forwarding my letter to Mr. A. C. Shipman, president of the Southeastern Stages, Inc. I am writing him today.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1958

Mr. A. C. Shipman
President
Southeastern Stages, Inc.
457 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shipman:

Mr. H. Van Greenslit has kindly informed me that he has forwarded to you my letter of September 3 concerning a foreign visitor and the 1:40 P. M. bus from Athens to Atlanta.

I regret the confusion of bus lines in the account that was given to us, and I am sure we may look forward to your assistance in correcting this unfortunate impression which Miss Baksh took away with her.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thank you for your very welcome omnibus letter of September 4th. I will respond by corresponding numbers.

(1) Of course we were dismayed by the unhappy sequel to the President's statement on law and order. There is some reason to hope that he may be brought to retrieve the situation, as much as that is possible, by another carefully prepared statement. If he does, we can only hope that he will subsequently observe the old saw about silence being golden.

(2) As I told you on the telephone, we have printed up a supply of Virginius Dabney's editorial and have circulated it to the offending newspapers, our board, and other key people who should know about it. I even sent a copy - probably in vain - to Senator Russell, who inserted the New Bedford series into the Congressional Record.

(3) We have the Cable book. While I have only dipped into it as yet, I agree with your estimate of it. We will give it some notice in New South.

(4) I am glad that copies of the reprint from the *New Christian Advocate* reached you in proper form.

(5) We have had an excellent response to the Midsummer Report, most significantly from our philanthropic friends.

(6) I am referring this section of your letter to Miss Manderson. I am sure she will give it prompt and efficient attention.

I am looking forward to the next opportunity to discuss with you our many common interests.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 9, 1958

The Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Russell:

This is in reference to a series on Communism and integration written by Edward B. Simmons for the New Bedford (Mass.) Standard-Times and reprinted in certain Southern newspapers. I understand that you had this newspaper series inserted into the Congressional Record on August 12th.

My reason for writing you is that these articles contain a number of serious misstatements, several of them pertaining to the Southern Regional Council. The enclosed copy of an editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, which undertakes to correct these misstatements, is self explanatory.

I am sure you will want to correct the false and injurious misimpression of the Southern Regional Council and the reputable Southerners who comprise it. Therefore, I am forwarding the enclosed editorial from the conservative and influential Times-Dispatch with a request that you cause it to be entered into the Congressional Record in further extension of your remarks of August 12th.

With appreciation to your attention to this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Richmond Times-Dispatch Editorial, 8/21/58)

September 9, 1958

Mrs. William C. Pauley
943 Clifton Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Frances:

Many thanks for undertaking to talk with Dr. McCain.

Enclosed is material which describes the Commission on Civil Rights, the nature of the state advisory committees, and so on. The members of the national Commission are: Dr. John A. Hannah, chairman, president of Michigan State University; Doyle Carlton, former governor of Florida; John S. Battle, former governor of Virginia; Robert G. Story, dean of the SMU Law School; J. Ernest Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labor; Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, president of Notre Dame University.

The state committees announced so far have been made up of quite influential and often conservative people. The Georgians who (informally and confidentially) are understood to have agreed to serve are: William Turpin, prominent Macon lawyer; Monsignor T. James McNamara, of Savahnah; L. D. Milton, president of the Citizens Trust Company of Atlanta; Dr. F. D. Funderburg of Monticello (a Negro medical man); and Sylvan Meyer, editor of the Gainesville Times. There will be two additional members--the chairman and one other as yet not selected.

I do hope Dr. McCain will consider the appointment. Again, thanks and regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

VIA AIR MAIL September 9, 1958

Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

Thank you for your letter of September 8th informing me that we may secure copies of The Southern Heritage at a discount of 40%. Please let this constitute our order for two (2) dozen copies, and bill us for the cost of the books plus postage.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 10, 1958

Mr. Bob Senser, Editor
WORK
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Bob:

First, my sympathy and best wishes in the matter of your back. Secondly, you can imagine that I was interested to read on the same day the enclosed clips; one from you and the other from the editor of the Woodworker. Could it be that there is some occupational hazard which the Guild should take under advisement?

Thanks again for your good efforts and for your really helpful paper. I am enclosing for your information three items which may be of interest: a list of the Board members of the Southern Regional Council, an editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and a recent summary of the State-Federal conflict in Virginia. The charges which the editorial answers are a real harrassment even though they constitute only a small part of the problem which we are up against. It is rare that irresponsible attacks can receive such a clear-cut answer.

My continued best wishes to you from down here.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encls:

September 10, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Marion Wright's call for the names of institutions or persons engaged in police training and the possibility of their serving as consultants to Penn has aroused our interest.

Several questions come to mind: 1) What type of training do you intend to offer? 2) What law enforcement agencies would likely send participants? 3) How would you go about recruiting them? 4) How would you finance the project?

If you will spell out in some detail what you have in mind we will be glad to advise on whom to contact, etc.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Marion Wright

September 10, 1958

Mr. C. Edmund Fisher, Editor
The Advance
15 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Edmund Fisher:

It was good to see the digest of the ten year report of the Hillman Foundation (Advance, 7/15/58). The work of the Foundation is a credit to Hillman's memory and to the Amalgamated.

We are appreciative of the mention given to the Southern Regional Council. A typographical error did appear which I felt should be called to your attention in the event of any comment from other sources. The total contributed to SRC was $7,200 (rounded to $7,500 in the Foundation's narrative account) and not $75,000.

It's good to get the Advance and Itrust that you are now receiving our New South regularly.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 10, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mrs. D. M. Davis
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Davis:

I am enclosing a biographical sketch of Mrs. M. E. Tilly, as requested in our telephone conversation today. She does not have a glossy print picture in the office nor was Mr. Tilly successful in finding one at home. Consequently, we will have to mail it to you when Mrs. Tilly returns to the office Friday.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. M. E. Tilly

/c
Enclosure

September 10, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

I have just discovered that the reason Mrs. Tilly didn't answer Mrs. Terry's letter was because there was not a return address either on the letter or the envelope!

When I wrote her we used the address you gave Harold over the phone. You might explain to Mrs. Terry the reason for our apparent dereliction.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

BC to Ralph McGill

September 10, 1958

The Editor
New York Times Book Review
New York Times
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

This is to say a word of appreciation for Ralph McGill's review of The Southern Heritage by James McBride Dabbs. Mr. McGill writes with his usual sure touch and insight into Southern complexities. In this instance, however, he was a singularly apt choice of reviewer; for his has been one of the very few honest and courageous voices in the South pointing out the folly of extremism and emphasizing the positive values in the Southern heritage. As an interpreter of this troubled region who is both compassionate and clear-eyed, he has few peers.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 10, 1958

Mr. Jacob S. Potofsky
President
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Potofsky:

I have just written Howard Samuel expressing my appreciation for the excellent ten-year report of the Sidney Hillman Foundation. I would like to take this occasinn, also, to thank you for the past aid which the Southern Regional Council received from the Foundation and for your own interest in our work.

We want you to know that the Council will always be happy to cooperate with the Amalgamated on matters of mutual concern. In this connection, you may find the enclosed report on the Council's activities of interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 1 (Midsummer Report of Activities, 1958)

September 10, 1958

Mr. Howard Samuel
Sidney Hillman Foundation, Inc.
15 Union Square
New York 3, New York

Dear Mr. Samuel:

I have just read the ten-year report of the Foundation. Congratulations on an impressive presentation of worthy work.

The favorable mention of the Southern Regional Council is appreciated. We remember with gratitude the funds received from the Sidney Hillman Foundation, some of it during our leanest years.

We continue to follow with interest the grants, awards, and reprints for which the Foundation is responsible. The high regard in which Sidney Hillman was held and the continuing good reputation of the Amalgamated are well served by the Foundation's program.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. You may be interested in the enclosed report on the Council's recent activities.

(Copy of night letter sent from EFV's home phone on September 10, 1958)

Mr. Edward P. Morgan
American Broadcasting Company
New York, New York

Can use copy of your comments from newscast on evening of September 10, 1958. Please send and give permission for informal reproduction.

Many thanks.

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
Southern Regional Council
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

EFV:ls

September 11, 1958

Miss Rita Quinn
Secretary to Mike Wallace
7 W. 66th Street
New York 23, New York

Dear Miss Quinn:

It was most thoughtful of you to rush me the transcript of the interview with Mr. Dabbs. Late as this is, I don't want to fail to thank you for a very helpful service.

We have had many favorable comments on the program and are planning to distribute several thousand copies of the printed transcript in the South.

With appreciation and regards to you and to Mike Wallace.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 11, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Vernon Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South LaSalle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

It now appears that I will get into New York next Wednesday. I have a meeting Wednesday afternoon and another Thursday morning. I'm writing Hahn for an appointment Thursday afternoon or Friday morning.

I'll call you late Wednesday to see when we can get together. Maybe Wednesday evening?

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 11, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter St., Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

My dear Mrs. Spearman:

This is my last day at SRC this summer and so far I have had no reaction from you with respect to our conversations of a month ago. Really, I am not sure whether I was supposed to write or not. There is a little sense of guilt because I have done nothing to follow up the ideas we talked about. I do feel, however, that your considered comments would be exceedingly helpful in formulating a useful program in the typical "hard core" state.

Any suggestions you may send now should be addressed to Fred but I do hope you will send a carbon directly to me at the University of Louisville. You may be assured of my continued interest.

Cordially,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate

CHP:ls

September 11, 1958

Mr. Emil Starr, Director of Education
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America
15 Union Square
New York, New York

Dear Emil Starr:

Enclosed are copies of a special Council report, "State vs Federal Authority in Virginia", and of our midsummer report. I thought you might also wish to see the enclosed Congressional reprint as well as a list of our Board members.

We would like to supply materials from time to time to appropriate ACWA staffers working in the South. I find that I don't even have the addresses of Bill Elkus and Ray Brown. If you could send me these and any others which you feel should see our materials, I would be most happy to see that they hear from us from time to time.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Encls.

September 11, 1958

Mr. Art Levin, ADL
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Art:

I am told that possibly only one UAW local puts out a paper - and even this is not certain. It would be Local #10 at the Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac plant. This paper is reportedly mimeographed. It is thought unlikely that it takes ads since the UAW tends to frown on ad taking. I don't think this is the final word, but my source should know of any substantial publication.

I will be out of town September 15-19, and I thought I would pass this on by note since you are away this week.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

September 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Chairmen and Executive Directors

From: Fred Routh

Subj: Bloopers, Inc.

Recently we sent you a listing of the addresses of the state organizations, complete with Chairmen and Executive Directors. Inadvertently the ~~old~~ wrong address of the Texas Council on Human Relations was used.

Listed below is the proper address; it is typed in such a fashion that you may clip it out and paste it over the incorrect version.

Sorry, and all that.

Exec. Dir. - Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe
Chairman - Mrs. James S. Crate
407 W. 27th Street
Austin, Texas
Phone: Greenwood 2-5522

---or use pen and change 21st Street to 27th Street on the original.

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Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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September 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM - Air Mail

To: All Participating Agencies

From: Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

Re: CHANGE OF DATES, FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN INTERAGENCY CONFERENCE.

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On September 4th you received a reminder of the forthcoming Southern Interagency Conference to be held on October 7 & 8. We have just been informed that October 7th falls on the Jewish holiday Simhath Torah. Therefore, most if not all of the Jewish agencies would be unable to attend on the dates originally selected at the last meeting.

In light of this we suggest the dates of October 9 and 10 for the meeting. As with the earlier dates, the meeting would begin at 2:00 P. M. on the 9th and end at noon on the 10th.

Would you please let us know whether or not you can be in Atlanta on these alternate dates. As soon as we have received a response from a majority of the participating agencies we will confirm these new dates and inform you of the persons who plan to attend.

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September 11, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: The Aaron E. Norman Fund

From: The Southern Regional Council

Subject: Request for Renewal of Aid

In December 1957, the Aaron E. Norman Fund awarded a grant of $5,000 to the Southern Regional Council in support of its work with other agencies. The activities made possible by this grant have been among the most rewarding carried on by SRC. We are both warmly appreciative and hopeful that the Fund will feel the Council's performance merits continued support for the coming year.

The Midsummer Report, recently transmitted, describes many of our interagency activities as part of the overall program. In this request for renewed support, however, we should like to put those activities into a clearer focus by means of the following brief summary. It will be clear that some of the activities reported grew out of interagency planning, but were financed by funds other than the Norman Fund grant.

Southern Interagency Conferences

Thus far in 1958 two full meetings of the cooperating agencies have been held--on February 25-26 and May 27-28. Seventeen agencies were represented at each of these meetings. In addition, several smaller, special-purpose meetings have been held to plan and direct cooperative efforts. SRC has served as secretariat for each of these meetings, has served as coordinator of the Atlanta-based steering committee, and has directed the group's most ambitious effort to date -- a joint fact-finding project on intimidation and violence. Since the minutes of the meetings have been sent to the Fund, we will forego any account of the proceedings themselves. The next Southern interagency conference is set for October 9-10.

Cooperative Field Work

The participating agencies have concentrated on closer cooperation in services to communities facing school desegregation. In the spring, it appeared that Dallas would be under court order to desegregate in September. On the basis of this prospect, those organizations with professional staff in Texas joined in planning a community-relations effort in Dallas. SRC supplied several consultants, white and Negro, to implement this interagency committee's plans. As a result, several meetings of Dallas community leaders were held for the first time, marking a beginning of true communication between leaders of the two races. Another result was the first conference between the school authorities and recognized Negro leadership. Although legal delays have prevented desegregation this fall, the efforts described above may well be important to the ultimate adjustment.

A major consultant effort in Virginia during the summer grew out of the spring interagency conference. It was agreed then that the various agency staff members working in that state needed more coordination and help of additional personnel. SRC was asked to meet these needs through its consultant service program -- an assignment to which we have given high priority. Advised by a Virginia interagency committee, three of the ablest of SRC's consultants have been working with community leadership in Arlington, Charlottesville, and Norfolk. It is too soon to judge the effectiveness of these efforts, but certainly they represent a well-timed and constructive outgrowth of interagency cooperation.

Briefing of Network News Officials

The grant from the Norman Fund has made it possible for SRC to represent the Southern group in deliberations of the national coordinating group -- the Consultative Conference on Desegregation (CCD) -- and its Mass Media Committee. At the spring meeting of the latter committee, it was agreed that an attempt should be made to bring together the top television and radio officials in charge of news and public affairs for a briefing on the South. The feeling of the group was that, through this means, the coverage of desegregation problems in the South this September might be improved in depth and maturity. SRC and the American Jewish Committee agreed to take responsibility for this project. AJC arranged for the attendance of the vice-presidents in charge of news and public affairs for ABC, NBC, and CBS, and their principal assistants. SRC sponsored the luncheon and provided informed consultants who had worked in each of the key communities to describe and interpret the local situations. The briefing luncheon on August 27 was, we feel, an unqualified success.

Joint Fact-Finding Project

This cooperative effort by seven of the agencies (SRC, NAACP, ADL, AJC, AFSC, UAW, and the National Council of Churches) is nearing completion. Close to 500 instances of violence, intimidation, and reprisal documented in the press have been gathered. A report has been drafted and will soon be released in printed form, with appropriate publicity. It should do much to alert the proper government agencies and the American public to the erosion of basic liberties in the desegregation controversy. SRC supervised the work of the project researcher and has otherwise coordinated this unprecedented interagency fact-finding effort.

Other Interagency Activities in Brief

1. Preceding the February 1958 Southern interagency conference, five agencies (SRC, Urban League, NAACP, ADL, AFSC) met with staff representatives of the President's Committee on Government Contracts. Through this discussion and other means, the cooperating organizations have strengthened joint planning and activity in the field of merit employment.

2. At the request of the Southern interagency group, Mrs. M. E. Tilly of the SRC staff has instituted a program under which church women observe voter registration practices in their communities. The women's divisions of the major religious denominations are cooperating.

3. The Southern group petititoned CCD for assistance in providing legal advice to those organizations and individuals in the South under attack for their racial views. Several of the organizations with legal staffs (ACLU, AJC, ADL, etc.) are cooperating at the national level in an effort to provide such machinery. Under this plan, any actual legal representation would be handled through local attorneys.

4. Still in the stage of discussion or planning are such possible projects as a Southwide inter-faith conference, mobilization of community leadership on problems of bombings and other violence, cooperative work with college students and campus organizations, and joint distribution of materials.

Finances

A copy of SRC's semi-annual audit is enclosed. Since a complete system of cost-accounting is beyond SRC's present means, the audited statement does not give a detailed accounting of expenditures from the Norman Fund grant. However, the following unaudited breakdown is a careful and reliable estimate, which we hope will be considered adequate.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FROM THE AARON E. NORMAN
FUND'S GRANT THROUGH AUG. 31, 1958

SOUTHERN CONFERENCES	
Staff preparation and participation, communication and follow-up	$1,100.00
FIELD COORDINATION	
Travel	525.00
Telephone & Telegraph	110.00
CLEARING-HOUSE FUNCTIONS	
Correspondence, materials mailings, maintenance and distribution of agency directory, etc.	650.00

Representation at CCD meetings, travel, communication and other liaison costs	490.00
JOINT FACT-FINDING	
SRC's obligation for project personnel, clerical, and publication costs	500.00
TOTAL	$3,375.00

September 12, 1958

Mr. Harry C. Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for your letter. You're so right about the nullifying effect of Eisenhower's "go slower" remark. It makes us feel more than ever that he must now go clearly and positively on record, for the sake of the national welfare. We know it, but does he know it?

I'm going to be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week and will try again to see you, if you're available.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

We here at the Council are pleased with the good reviews your book is getting. We have tentative plans of running excerpts of the best of these in New South, and we wonder if you might have some reviews that we may not have seen. So far we have reviews from the Chattanooga Times, the New York Times book review section, the Atlanta Constitution, Time magazine and the Presbyterian Outlook. If you have any additional ones, we would appreciate copies or the loan if you have only one copy.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

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SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

September 12, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF
PA
FBR
RA
BC

From: EFV

I will be in attendance at the Southern Labor School, Daytona Plaza Hotel, Daytona Beach, Florida, September 14-20.

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September 12, 1958

Mr. Peter E. Siegle, Research Associate
Center for the Study of Liberal Education
for Adults
4819 South Greenwood Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Peter:

Just got your memo on time and place for the committee meeting.

The dates are acceptable and I prefer Atlanta as the place of meeting.

Sincerely,

C. H. Parrish
Program Associate
(Signed in his absence)

CHP:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

September 12, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: JC

From: FBR

Re: New South subscription

Please enter a complementary subscription to New South for:

Miss Grace Marr, Assistant Executive Secretary for
Intergroup Relations
American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

We should send her any special reports we get out along the way.

Thanks.

September 12, 1958

Miss Grace Marr, Assistant Executive Secretary
Intergroup Relations
American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Grace:

How good it was to hear from you. We much appreciated the record of progress in intergroup relations made by the American Nurses' Association. I know that your careful work has contributed significantly to that progress.

I am placing you on our complementary mailing list and you will receive New South monthly. Also, from time to time we will send you any special reports we get out.

I look forward to seeing you at the NAIRO Annual Conference in Pittsburg.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. Charles Livermore, Executive Secretary
State Commission Against Discrimination
270 Broadway 7, New York

Dear Chas:

Thanks for your note of September 9th introducing Ruth Glass to us. We will be glad to be of assistance to her. I have alerted our information staff of her coming.

We have just received good news that the Supreme Court has upheld the Eighth District Court of Appeals' reversal of the Lemley decision. There'll be a hot time in the old Southland this fall.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Here at long last is a note about the Foundation approach requested by the Executive Committee. John Griffin, having initiated the Committee's discussion, asked me to pass on the following suggestions:

1. That you limit the inquiry to David Freeman (Address: Personal at Rockefeller Brothers Fund, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York.)

2. That the letter to Freeman be cast in personal, rather than organizational, terms. John feels that if you write him "man to man," the inquiry will seem more appropriate.

Should you wish to write more than one "philanthropoid" I would suggest Frank Loescher, 414 South 46th Street, Philadelphia 43, Pennsylvania, and/or Vernon Eagle, 120 South LaSalle Street, Chicago 3, Illinois. Though Loescher is not now on a foundation staff, he is in close touch and frequent consultation with those most important to us. Eagle has influence with other foundations than New World, which of course is an important contributor to SRC.

I hope these suggestions will be of help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenberg, Acting Director
Kentucky Council on Human Relations
WHAS, Inc.
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Forgive this tardy reply to your recent letters. They were both welcome and appreciated.

I am embarrassed to admit that I have The Wall Between but haven't found time even to begin reading it. Thanks for giving me added incentive.

I'm not quite sure what guide you referred to in your second letter. My guess is that it is a lengthy outline prepared by John Hope. Unfortunately, he wanted to polish or revise it before any distribution of it was made; so it is not yet readily available. I am sending John a copy of this letter, so that he may transmit to you what he can.

The Fall plans sound most promising.

I'll be writing you again soon about the work of the Nominating Committee. Meanwhile, warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
c.c. John Hope

September 12, 1958

Mrs. Nathan C. Starr
818 N. W. 36th Avenue
Gainesville, Florida

Dear Nina:

Please forgive this delay in answering your very welcome letter. The past few weeks have been frantically busy ones. However, the questions you raised have been very much on my mind. We have recently made representations at the White House, urging the President to use his prestige in behalf of compliance and protection of the children involved in Little Rock. We are hardly encouraged by the net results so far!

Through the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, we have also been doing what we can to stimulate positive action by local people. With a pitifully few exceptions, demoralization seems to be universal.

I'm much afraid that - depending on the Supreme Court's decision- we shall have to place our trust in the Federal marshals. We'll continue to press on both points and will welcome your suggestions and advice.

The very best to you and Mr. Starr.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

P. S. We have changed your address back to Gainesville.

September 12, 1958

Mr. DeJongh Franklin
1585 W. Paces Ferry Road, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear DeJongh:

At long last, I have gotten off this request to the Aaron E. Norman Fund. The weeks since our agreeable lunch together have been among the most feverish in my experience.

I'm personally as well as officially most appreciative of all your help. The enclosures are probably far more than you can find time to read. But if I should send any further information, do let me know.

Warm regards to you and Phoebe.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls. - 2 (Memorandum and Midsummer Report)

September 12, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

This is a belated acknowledgment of your letter of August 18. I had meant to write a responsive note on forwarding the Times-Dispatch editorial refuting the false pro-Communist charges against SRC. This, it seems to us, is an effective piece of defense material - especially considering the source.

We're prepared to join in combatting any such charges - or other harrassment - that may be directed at ACHR. Keep us posted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. Alexander F. Miller
Anti-Defamation League
of B'Nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Alex:

What is friendship without chutzpeh? I was also presuming on our friendship by being candid. ("candid" has no Yiddish equivalent.)

I saw that Russell had put the abominable series in the Record and sent him the Dabney editorial, respectfully asking him to put that into the record. How about doing likewise with the expose of the Israel Cohen myth and other rebuttal materials? I doubt that he'll insert them, but it might give him food for thought.

Let me know what comes of the visit with the editor. Again, even though it should have no direct result, I think it will have a salutary effect. It's something to demonstrate that they can't do these things with complete impunity.

I share your concern wholeheartedly and will look forward to a chance to discuss this entire question with you. I plan to be at the CCD executive committee meeting next Wednesday (with misgivings). If you're there, maybe we can get together afterward.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. Oscar Cohen
Anti-Defamation League of
B'nai B'rith
515 Madison Avenue, Suite 300
New York 22, New York

Dear Oscar:

Peters' letter is wordy and weak, but I think it's in good faith. We will continue to cooperate with him and I would be in favor of your doing so, too.

I understand his book is nearing completion, so you might want to get in touch with him soon. Apart from the book, he will no doubt be writing a good bit in this field and should know of your work and materials.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
c.c. Art Levin

September 12, 1958

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger, Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

I'm sorry to be so long in responding to your welcome letters.

Nothing would please me more than to make one of the Clearing House meetings. I have the dates firmly in mind. And whenever I see a Washington trip coming, you can be sure I'll let you know.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Dr. Robert L. Bunnen
1035 Somerset Drive, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Bunnen:

Several weeks ago, I had a very pleasant lunch with DeJough Franklin to discuss the work of the Southern Regional Council. He suggested that you would be equally interested. Therefore, I'm taking the liberty of sending you the enclosed copy of our report and renewal request to the Aaron E. Norman Fund.

I hope to have an opportunity to meet and talk with you in the near future. Meanwhile, kindest regards to you and Mrs. Bunnen.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls. 2 - (Memorandum and Midsummer Report)

September 12, 1958

Mr. Frank A. Weil, Treasurer
Aaron E. Norman Fund
405 Lexington Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

The enclosed memorandum presents the Council's request for renewed assistance from the Fund during the coming year. I am also enclosing a copy of our audited statement for the first six months of 1958.

If further information on any point should be desired by the Fund, please let me know.

Along with this request for continued assistance go our warm thanks for the invaluable support already given.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls.

September 12, 1958

Mr. Edward Reed
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Frank Kelly has written me that we can look forward to 5,000 copies of the transcript of the Mike Wallace-James Dabbs interview. This is good news, indeed, and we're grateful.

We plan to distribute them to a substantial part of our mailing list, plus distribution to some key persons not among our regulars. If you need details of the distribution let me know.

It's good to have business together again!

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

PERSONAL

Mr. David F. Freeman
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Dave:

Enclosed is a copy of our request for further support from the Aaron E. Norman Fund, as well as a copy of our semi-annual audit. I have transmitted both to Mr. Weil and a copy of the memorandum to DeJough Franklin.

This has truly been nourishment at the root. We are continuingly grateful to you for it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
encls:

P. S. I'll be in New York Thursday and Friday (Sept. 18 and 19) and will hope at least to exchange greetings with you.

September 12, 1958

Mrs. Alice Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

Many thanks for your prompt and effective help on my recent request for suitable South Carolina names. I have put the suggestions to good use. Let's hope for the best.

If you should talk with Mr. Herbert, I'd be interested in the results.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

Mr. Frank K. Kelly, Vice President
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street,
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Many thanks for your letter and the welcome news that the Fund will make 5,000 copies of the transcript available to us.

We have had many favorable comments on the Dabbs interview and so are all the more pleased by the generous assurance of the transcripts. I am writing Ed Reed.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 12, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Milton C. Rose, Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for your welcome letter of September 2.

I expect to be in New York, briefly, Thursday and Friday of next week - September 18 and 19. If your schedule will permit, perhaps we can arrange an appointment. I shall call your office to see if this is possible.

Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

September 15, 1958

Mr. W. Taliaferro Thompson
1221 Rennie Avenue
Richmond 27, Virginia

Dear Mr. Thompson:

Your letter of September 5th has been referred to this office and we are enclosing herewith a list of desegregated institutions of higher education (public and private) which will partially answer your questions.

We do not have information on the number of Negro students who have been enrolled in these colleges; such information is not frequently released and in some instances college records are not kept by race. However, you may wish to consult a recent publication, the Summer, 1958, Journal of Negro Education Yearbook, Number XXVII. Although the topic of the Yearbook is "Desegregation and the Negro College," a lengthy section is devoted to the status of desegregation in higher education in the South, and a number of reports on the extent of enrollment of Negro students in formerly white colleges are included. The Yearbook may be ordered from The Journal of Negro Education, Howard University, Washington 1, D. C., at $2.50 per copy.

You may also want to write to the Southern Education Reporting Service, 1109 19th Avenue, South, Nashville, Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosure - DESEGREGATING WHITE INSTITUTIONS

September 15, 1958

Mrs. J. A. Burt
1815 Enterprise
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Martha:

Remember I am counting on you to be at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17 at Kresge Hall, Clark College. I will make reservations for you there.

I have written Bess Arrington, and if she comes you two will make good roommates. Please let me hear from you.

With the best of wishes for you and yours, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 15, 1958

Mrs. David Cathcart
127 E. Maxwell Street
Lakeland, Florida

Dear Mrs. Cathcart:

I came back from Florida, and into the office this morning and found your letter. I am more than delighted over the prospect of having you at the workshop October 16-17. Do you want me to make a reservation for you at Clark?

We had a wonderful workshop at Avon Park. Your gracious husband introduced himself to me. I certainly appreciated it.

With a heart full of love to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Dorothy Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DT:lec

Sent to each member of Penn Community
Service Board - as suggested by MAW

September 15, 1958

Dr. George H. Aull
Clemson College
Clemson, South Carolina

Dear Dr. Aull:

The enclosed copy of the July-August issue of New South contains an article on Mr. James M. Dabbs, written by Mr. Marion A. Wright.

In the light of your association with both of these gentlemen on the Board of Penn Community Services, we thought you would be interested.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 15, 1958

The Diners' Club
Dupont Circle Building
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is an application for membership to the Diners' Club for Mr. Harold C. Fleming, director of the Southern Regional Council. If this application and the ensuing services prove satisfactory - as we are sure they will - we would like to arrange such membership for the other six members of the staff who travel.

The Council maintains air travel credit service through Eastern Air Lines, as well as the usual rail and telephone credit services. Active bank accounts are maintained with the Citizens Trust Company and the First National Bank, both of Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Coupon)

September 15, 1958

Mrs. Pauline Puryear
19 Mitchell Place
East Orange, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Puryear:

We were very sorry to hear that you cannot be with us and to learn of Mr. Puryear's illness.

Our very best wishes to you both - with the hope that soon Mr. Puryear will be much improved.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 15, 1958

Mr. Wright G. Baker
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Thanks for your letter of the 11th. It is particularly good to know that Miss Baksh was not unduly upset over the Athens, Georgia bus incident.

When the occasion arises, send us the next one and we'll do our best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 15, 1958

Miss Annie R. Campbell
Southeast Convention
Congregational Christian Churches
673 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Miss Annie:

Thanks for the good word from the campers. I am writing each of them a note and sending the enclosed materials - as well as New South for six months.

I'm particularly happy to hear the reaction of Nancy Newberry. She's got a lot of spunk and would make a strong ally.

Yell, if I can help again.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

September 15, 1958

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

I came in from Florida and found your very welcome letter. You will find that you are registered at Clark College. When you come in go to Kresge Hall. The workshop begins at 11:00 on the 16th.

It is very wonderful for us that you will give us this time.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 15, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

I hope by now your vacation is over and your schedule is clear for you to be with us at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17. You will find on your desk a letter written to you some days ago, and you may know by now I am exceedingly anxious to hear from you.

Our time is drawing near our dates and I must get the program in shape. Here is hoping I can hear from you shortly saying definitely that you will be with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 15, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Bender
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Dear Margaret Bender:

I suppose by now you are back in the United States with many things to tell us of what you have seen in your months away. You will have found in your mail at the office that the dates have been changed for the workshop in Atlanta. They are now October 16-17, and we are expecting you to speak at Haygood Church on the night of the 15th.

I understand you are to be with Margaret Wilcox's committee during the day, and it will be meeting at the Briarcliff Hotel which is near the church. I will see that you and the whole committee will have a way to the church. The next morning you will find that there is a room for you at Clark College and I understand you can only be with us on the 16th.

We are more than delighted that you are to be with us in the workshop and are looking forward to it.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 15, 1958

Miss Anna Holden
2010 Meharry Boulevard
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

When I was in Avon Park, Florida, I called your mother to find out just where you are at the present time. She told me you would be at [redacted] NASHVILLE another year.

Our workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17, and you know I need you. Please write me that you will be with us. I will reserve a room for you there.

I am enclosing a check for $2.40 for you as I had included it in my expense account for taxifare to Nashville airport. I intended to give you this refund.

I certainly enjoyed seeing you while I was there. Please let me hear from you.

Love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 15, 1958

Mrs. Charles Johnson
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Johnson:

First of all this is to notify you of the change in the date of the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned. Owing to the fact that the Denver Assembly came so soon after the first date, we found it necessary to change our date to October 16-17, and it will be at Kresge Hall, Clark College.

We would love to have you come. Please let me know and I will make reservations for you at Clark.

With the best of wishes to you always, and hoping you will be with us October 16-17, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

MATERIALS SENT:

THE WALL STREET JOURNAL Reprint
JOURNAL AND GUIDE Reprint
The Churches Speak
THE NEW YORK TIMES Magazine Reprint
The Angry South
The Easy Chair
Toward the South of the Future
NEW SOUTH - September, 1958
Race Relations - A Factor in World Peace
Is Segregation Christian
Congressional Record

September 15, 1958

Mr. Charles S. Fontenot
2222 Houston Street
Alexandria, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Fontenot:

The free material dealing with Human Relations which you requested in your card of September 12, 1958, is enclosed. We are including one copy of the monthly NEW SOUTH; if you wish to receive the publication regularly, please return the subscription blank together with $2.00.

In reply to your query about "the names of states in the Region," Human Relations agencies are, or have been, active in the following Southern States: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Mississippi, Texas. These states plus Delaware, the District of Columbia, Maryland, Missouri, Oklahoma, and West Virginia have been the Southern scenes of desegregation activities and efforts.

cor. on orig.

We hope this material will be of some help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

Enclosures, 11

September 15, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Fred has referred your letter requesting further information on approaches to labor leadership in Virginia to me. There are at least three men whom you should get to know. These are the top officers of the Virginia State AFL-CIO. They are Harold Boyd, President; Julian Carper, Vice-president; Brewster Snow, Secretary-Treasurer. Their offices are at 102 North Belvidere Street. I have informed these men that you were coming on the job with the Virginia Council. I have worked closely with them on several programs in the past - primarily servicing special activities which they were sponsoring.

I would make no attempt at this point to get these men involved directly in Virginia Council activities. However, you should get to know them, and provide them with information about positive moves made by other groups and individuals in Virginia. It is also possible that they would join with other groups in certain kinds of joint statements. Their position thus far has been that they were in favor of preserving public schools, that massive resistance was so much stupidity, and that working people stood to suffer more than any other group if the schools were destroyed. The important thing at this point is to keep them, and the Virginia AFL-CIO, on this general track. If you ever have any reason to believe that particular unions or the labor movement as a whole in Virginia need special help in matters of civil rights or race relations or that any trouble is brewing, I would greatly appreciate your being in touch with me right away.

The men mentioned above had been planning to issue no statement prior to the full joining of legal issues in Virginia. They had thought, as of several weeks ago, that they would issue a statement reaffirming their support of the public school system and pointing to the terrible plight into which the state had been led by its political leadership. I think it much more important to keep them steady in this resolve than it is to try to move them into some other line of activity. Two other agency types have been in touch with these men; Murray Friedman of the Virginia ADL and Jacob Schlitt from the Jewish Labor Committee have each had some contact with them. I am enclosing for your information a copy of my most recent letter to Hal Boyd.

It sounds as if you are digging in. You have quite a situation on your hands and we want you to continue to know that we are glad you are there and that we stand ready to be of service at your call. Don't hesitate to bounce ideas off us or to raise questions for us to consider.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dicatated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls
enc. copy of ltr. to Hal Boyd

September 15, 1958

Mr. Sheldon Pollack, Director of Organization
Americans for Democratic Action
1341 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pollack:

Thanks for your letter of September 12th containing the good news that Marion A. Wright had agreed to speak at the ADA Conference in Cincinnati.

Enclosed is a vita sheet on Mr. Wright. You will discover that he is an Adlai Stevenson with a Southern accent.

All good wishes for the success of the conference.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
enc. vita sheet
c.c. Marion Wright

September 15, 1958

Mr. Hal Skinner
NET Film Service
Audio-visual Center
Division of University Extension
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skinner:

I would like to have a preview copy of "The Constitution and Employment Standards" for possible review in our publication, New South. If it is convenient, I would also welcome a preview copy of "Voting Proceedures." Please include information on rental arrangements and purchase.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence)

EFV:ls

September 15, 1958

Mr. Lloyd Davis
Catholic Interracial Council
21 West Superior Street
Chicago 10, Illinois

Dear Lloyd:

Thanks for your letter of September 9th with the kind words about my participation in the first National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice. I am impressed with the resolution the group adopted regarding the future of the movement.

Now as to the problem you raise. I think it would be helpful if you would call together an advisory committee of Southern clergymen and laymen to advise with CIC leadership on organizational efforts in the South. For such a committee I would suggest, among others, the following:

Father L. J. Toomey, S. J., Director
Institute of Industrial Relations
Loyola University
New Orleans 18, Louisiana

Father Alexander Sigur
P. O. Box 532
S.L.I. Station
Lafayette, Louisiana

Mr. Paul Williams (Knight of St. Gregory)
3320 Gloucester Road
Richmond 22, Virginia

Father Maurice V. Sheen (former Director, Catholic Committee of the South)
P. O. Box 341
York, South Carolina

Bishop Joseph B. Brunini
P. O. Box 57
Jackson, Mississippi

Father Albert Foley, S. J.
Department of Social Sciences
Spring Hill College
Spring Hill Station
Mobile, Alabama

I believe that a staff person working in the South should be attached to some unit of the Catholic Church or to one of its lay organizations rather than to SRC or any other non-denominational organization. SRC has worked cooperatively with the Catholic Committee of the South in the past. We would hope to establish a similar relationship with any CIC staffer. We have such a relationship at the present time with staff members of the social action agencies of the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church (both North and South), the Southern Baptist Church, and the Methodist Church as well as the National Council of Churches and the various Jewish agencies.

You ask what such a person could do. There are endless things to be done and what he could do would depend to a considerable extent on the attitudes of the hierarchy throughout the South, the size of the budget, and the readiness of local Catholic groups to become active. One very important thing would be the creation of local CIC's in every major Southern city. This would be a difficult and time-consuming task but it is not impossible.

You ask: "What kind of Catholic support does SRC need?" I need hardly say that we need financial support from every friendly source! SRC enjoys good support in terms of participation of the clergy. On our regional board we have Bishop Joseph Brunini of Mississippi and Father Alexander Sigur of Louisiana. In several of the state organizations, Catholic clergymen serve on state boards. It would be helpful if in each of the Southern states Catholic clergymen could participate as Board members with the state Councils. Beyond this, we of course desire to maintain the understanding friendship of the Church, and we hope to so conduct this organization that the Church will continue to participate in and support our efforts.

Rambling though they are, I hope these suggestions are helpful.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Same ltr. sent to the attached list of
Work Campers. NEW SOUTH to be sent to
each for six months.

Enclosures: Wall St. Journal Reprint - 2/14/58
John Popham's N. Y. Times Reprint - 12/1/57
New Steps in the South

September 15, 1958

Miss Eleanor Jordan
1250 Godetia Drive
Woodside, California

Dear Eleanor:

Miss Annie has sent me your name as one of the Work Campers who requested more material from the Council. Accordingly, enclosed you will find several things which I believe you will find of interest. Also, your name is being put on our complimentary mailing list to receive our monthly publication, New South, for the next six months.

If we can be of any other help, supply more information, or answer any questions, let me know. Enjoyed meeting you at Southern Union - only wish I could have been with the group longer.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

Eleanor Jordan, Woodside, Calif.
Alice Wilmot, Chardon, Ohio
Ann Doscher, Merrick, N. Y.
Robert Saunders, Birmingham, Ala.
Ann Turner, Birmingham, Ala.
Peter Gruber, New Canaan, Conn.
Edward Bastow, Jr., Alpena, Mich.
Beulah Blalock, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.
Dora Cole, Pleasant Hill, Tenn
Wayne Graves, Andalusia, Ala.
Robert S. Rose, Lathrup Village, Mich.
Julia Slagle, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Nancy Newberry, LaGrange, Ga.
Lee Vessell, LaGrange, Ga.

VIA AIR MAIL September 15, 1958

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorn Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

Bless you for lifting our spirits in a time of travail. Your contribution, and your letter even more, were great for the morale. I accept the amendment to the title of our program report; wasn't it Puck who said, "What fools these mortals be?"

You'll be interested in one use we made of the Virginia memorandum -- that is, as background for a briefing of the top network news officials in New York. We staged a luncheon (at your hotel, the Roosevelt!) for John Daly of ABC, his counterparts from the other two networks, and several of their principal assistants. Our consultants who have been working in the Virginia communities, plus our state chairman from Little Rock, gave very able interpretations of current and prospective developments in these key communities. The object, of course, was to further more mature radio and television news coverage "in depth."

I've also been making forays behind the vicuna curtain designed to elicit strong, statesmanlike utterances from the Summit. All very glamorous and -- temporarily -- successful, but of course wiped out by the off-the-cuff remarks. We're now waiting itchily for a possible retrieval of the last boner.

We are eager to contrive your return to these parts. If you weren't on the board of a benefactor foundation, I'd invite you down as a consultant. Anyway, keep an immodest eye open for opportunities, will you?

You'd be surprised how quickly any lapse in your acquaintance with Gary and Tony would be remedied.

The very best from all of us on the staff, and from the Flemings, large and small.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

September 15, 1958

Mrs. L. L. Jackson
1413 Cleburne Avenue
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Jackson:

This is to remind you that the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned will be at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17. I am counting on you and I will make reservations for you at Clark.

You did a grand job at our School of Mission. Love and thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 15, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This is a reminder that we are expecting you to be with us at the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned at Clark College, October 16-17. Will you want us to make reservation for you either at the dormitory at Atlanta University or the Piedmont Hotel? Please let us know. I am hoping Mrs. Dabbs will come with you.

You are to speak on "Facing our Fears" sharing this part of the program with Rabbi Rothschild, on the afternoon of the 16th.

I am looking forward to having you with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Sent separately:

Robert Penn Warren, Segregation
NEw South, Dec. 1957; Jan. 1958; Feb. 1958; Mar. 1958;
Apr. 1958; June 1958; July-Aug. 1958; Sept. 1958
Journal and Guide Reprint - May 31, 1958
Wall St. Journal Reprint - Feb. 14, 1958, "Religion & Race..."
The South Speaks Out for Law and Order
N. Y. Times Reprint - Popham, Dec. 1, 1957
Wall St. Journal Reprint - "Segregation Costs..."

VIA AIR MAIL

September 16, 1958

Miss Helen Fuller
The New Republic
1244 - 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Helen:

I have asked that a batch of materials on recent Southern developments be sent to you. We're also adding your name to the mailing list for New South.

In addition, I would recommend two newly published books: The Southern Heritage by James M. Dabbs, and Stride Toward Freedom by Martin Luther King.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 16, 1958

Mrs. W. Murdoch MacLeod
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. MacLeod:

I returned to the office yesterday after being at a workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned of Florida and found your most gracious letter awaiting me.

It is with mingled emotions I think of the honor the United Church Women are bestowing upon me. Ever before me is our troubled and confused South, the many troubled spots of other sections, and the chaos of the world and I wonder if any of us are worthy of any honor.

The recognition of the United Church Women touches me deeply and so it does Mr. Tilly. Mrs. Bethune said to me once, as she walked, she ordered her steps to the words "Thank you God. Thank you God." So am I doing these days.

My hotel reservation has been made with some of the Georgia women. I will not need advance travel funds. I appreciate your offer, both to make the reservation and to advance the funds. In fact, I am very much indebted to you.

I do need some instructions about the panel. How long does each of us have and just what area we cover?

The Assembly of United Church Women is a most significant event in these serious days. May God send His power upon us and may we be so receptive to this power that on [illegible].

(continued)

each of us will feel divinely commissioned to greater tasks.

Mr. Tilly and I both are remembering you each morning in our devotions and are appreciating the big job you have in planning for a great Assembly.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

September 16, 1958

Mr. William P. Fidler
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Ave., N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fidler:

Thanks for your letter informing us of the impressive activities of the AAUP in the LSU affair. We are warm admirers of the AAUP and would like to be helpful in any way we can.

The SRC staff member who wrote you was Fred Routh. I have shared your letter and enclosure with him.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/hs

September 16, 1958

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
100 College Street
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Les:

Your welcome note shames me; I had intended to write you first. Anyhow, belatedly, our thanks for your moral support and fine professional performance last summer. It was a very satisfying experience.

Things are remarkably as they were when you left. If anything the rat-race grows more feverish by the day. (To all the troubles has been added an outrageous case of police brutality in Atlanta.)

I'm glad to have word of the domestic scene. You'll be hearing from me.

Best wishes from the whole blooper-crew here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 16, 1958

Mr. Frank Kelly
Fund for the Republic
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

You have probably received by now 100 copies of the *Times-Dispatch* editorial. The defect in the reprint existed in the original; despite the imperfection, I felt it was better to reproduce the original article by photo-offset rather than have the type reset.

I must say I was startled by Parten's letter. The attacks come fairly regularly, but I had no idea the effects were being so widely felt by people like Parten.

Thanks for helping us to set the record straight.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 16, 1958

Mrs. J. N. Rayzor
3207 Groveland Lane
Houston 19, Texas

Dear Mrs. Rayzor:

We are warmly grateful for your kind note on the Midsummer Report and for the generous contribution. The interest and support of our board members means a great deal to all of us on the staff.

I hope to see you at the annual meeting in November.

Appreciatively and with kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

September 16, 1958

The Rt. Rev. Wilson Hunter
Episcopal Diocese
Laramie, Wyoming

Dear Bishop Hunter:

I hope it will not seem presumtuous of me to say a word of appreciation for the Rev. Cornelius Tarplee's service and to express the hope that it may be possible to continue him as Associate Secretary of the Division of Christian Citizenship.

As you may know, the Southern Regional Council has long enjoyed a cooperative relationship with the Protestant Episcopal Church in our race relations efforts in the South. It has been very gratifying to us to see the Church's concern in this field given greater outreach by Neil's full-time efforts. At a time when the South is undergoing the most painful crisis since the 1860's, these steady, informed, judicious efforts mean a great deal.

We have been deeply impressed by Neil as a man who is both thoroughly dedicated and soundly practical -- an all-too-rare combination, in our experience. One of his great assets is his grounding in the life and structure of the Church; this enables him to apply to the practical tasks of counselling and education within the appropriate theological and theoretical framework. And, quite apart from personalities, the position itself is tremendously important as a tangible manifestation of the Church's devotion to applied Christianity in our most serious domestic problem-area.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
BC sent to: Will Campbell
Neil Tarplee

September 16, 1958

Mr. Frederick B. Sweet, Managing Editor
The Catering Industry Employee
525 Walnut Street
Cincinnati 2, Ohio

Dear Mr. Sweet:

I have read the latest issue of The Catering Industry Employee with great interest and would like to receive this magazine regularly. I am enclosing the September issue of our monthly publication, New South, which I trust you will be interested in receiving on an exchange basis.

I am also enclosing two other pieces of material which will perhaps be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encls. New South
Congressional Record
State vs Federal Authority in Virginia

September 16, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I want to acknowledge with warm appreciation receipt of the Foundation's check for $15,000 in support of the Council's Consultant Service Program.

The Council's tax-exempt status, as confirmed in the U. S. Treasury Department's letter previously transmitted, continues in effect and unchanged.

As I hope our recent reports have demonstrated, the Consultant Service Program is an indispensable part of the Council's activity; we are convinced that its already great value will continue to increase.

Our hearty thanks and good wishes to you and to the Trustees.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

September 16, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff, Director
Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Thanks for your letter of September 13, spelling out your plans for law enforcement officer-training in intergroup relations. It is an ambitious and worthwhile project.

I would suggest that you write the following two men, both knowledgeable about such things:

Col. David McCandless, Director
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

Dr. Louis Radelet, Director
Commission on Community Organizations
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Explain to them in some detail what you have in mind and they can both advise you and steer you to other sources.

Hope this helps. Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
c.c. Marion A. Wright

September 17, 1958

Dr. William P. Fidler
American Association of University Professors
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Dr. Fidler:

Harold Fleming, SRC's Director, has shared with me your letter of September 10th. As he explained in his note to you of September 16 it was I who wrote Bob Carr regarding the situation at LSU.

I am a member, of some six years standing, of the AAUP. We are often in a spot to know about attacks on academic freedom before they become general knowledge. I also have always felt free to write the Association on certain matters even when I was relatively certain they were already involved. I look upon such letters not as criticisms but rather as expressions of support.

I am much impressed with what the Association's chapter at Tulane said in their resolution regarding academic freedom at LSU.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 17, 1958

Rev. Robert Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

We here at SRC are concerned about the action of the Methodist Church in relation to your assignment to the Alabama Council on Human Relations. I remember your telling me that it would be all but impossible to be re-assigned, that probably you would go on an "inactive" list of the Methodist Church.

What was the outcome of the annual conference? Have you given any further consideration to the Disciples ministry? You will recall, I am sure, my mentioning Lewis Deer who heads their social action committee.

Please let us hear from you; know that we are concerned.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

BLIND COPY TO HCF

September 17, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear M. A. W.:

The "Anatomy of Tyranny" is done with a real flourish. I particularly like the historical development and the philosophical focus; I find them devastating. While this speech does not "klonk" our Neanderthals on the noggin, it is a sideswipe that will surely knock their halos askew.

I have made some minor suggested changes which you will see on pages 5, 7, and 8 when we return the manuscript.

Harold had to rush off to New York and had no opportunity to read the manuscript before he left. I will hold it for his return so that he too may make such comments as he wishes. We thought it wise, however, to give you the questionable benefit of my comments pronto.

I need hardly say that I am well pleased that you have accepted speaking engagements with NAIRO and ADA. The rest of the nation needs to hear from white Southerners who are unafraid of the Twentieth Century and who do not accept the segregation orthodoxy.

With all good wishes.

Cordially,

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Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E.
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HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

SEP 1 7 1958

Dear Friend:

The time for the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned October 16-17, Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta, Georgia is almost here.

(1) We must know at once if you will attend that we may make your room reservation. We are glad to remind you that there are funds for travel and entertainment set aside for you and we are looking forward to having you in the workshop.

(2) If, however, for any reason it will be impossible for you to come, please notify us at once, so that we may invite someone in your place.

(3) You have your choice of staying at the Piedmont Hotel downtown Atlanta or at Bumstead woman's dormitory, Atlanta University which is just one block from Kresge Hall, Clark College.

I regret to tell you it is difficult to get taxi service from any downtown hotel to Clark College.

Your immediate attention to the above three items will be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/lec

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September 17, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Executive Directors

From: Fred Routh

Subj: Key-Persons List

For some time we have talked about the preparation of a list of key-persons in each of the Southern states. We are anxious to move ahead with this. We envisage a list of 100 or more (depending on the state) persons who might be called decision makers or opinion molders -- the influential.

We would like a thumb-nail sketch of each person listed, giving his or her address, race, organizational or occupational title, and posture on THE question. For example:

> Joe Zulch; (w); 135 E. 15th Ct.
> Snopesville, Alabama; President
> State Bird Watchers Society; Old
> Southern Family; Conservative but
> supports law and order. Married
> to the Governor's grandmother.

Who would go on such a list? Obviously this would vary from state to state, but likely candidates would probably include some of the following:

1. AME, AME Zion, CME, Catholic, Episcopal, and Methodist Bishops and the "heads" of other Protestant denominations and divisions of Judaism.

2. The Chairmen of the social action agencies of the various faiths and denominations (Division of Christian Social Action, etc.).

3. The Editors and friendly reporters of all leading newspapers.

4. The Chairmen and professional staff of all human relations agencies.

5. Chairmen and officers in State Council of Churches; United Church Women; League of Women Voters; Young Democrats; Young Republicans; etc.

6. President and officers State JC's; Chamber of Commerce.

7. President and officers State Council AFL-CIO; other Unions.

8. President and officers of State Bar Association.

9. Etc., etc.

Note: We want "friendly" to "unfriendly" people.

September 17, 1958

The Honorable L. H. Fountain
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We would like very much to obtain a copy of a study recently released by the House subcommittee you head on federal-state-local relations.

Please write us as to where and under what name we should order this report, or, if possible, refer this letter to the proper source to provide us with one copy. We will remit payment immediately upon notification of the cost.

Yours very truly,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

September 17, 1958

Rev. Thomas J. Van Loon
Box 871
Nashville 2, Tennessee

Dear Rev. Van Loon:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Harry Ashmore reprint. We are pleased to know you wish to distribute this to your staff and field executives. We feel that this is a good way for us to reach sources which we otherwise might not be able to reach, and so we are mailing you the 250 copies requested free of charge.

Again thanks and best wishes.

Yours truly,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bee

September 17, 1958

Mrs. Howard V. Weems
160 S. Lakeview Drive
Sebring, Florida

Dear Mrs. Weems:

Mrs. Richards has written that she cannot be here for the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned. I do want someone from the Florida Conference. Help me out. Why don't you come yourself, I'd like very much to have you. The dates are October 16-17, Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta.

Let me hear from you. It was good to have you with us at Avon Park. I hope the house painting did not suffer in your absence.

Love,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 17, 1958

Mrs. Sol Spielberg
1443 Merriman Lane, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Spielberg:

Mrs. Goldstein, the president of your Atlanta section of the National Council of Jewish Women, has written us that you will be the representative from your organization to the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17. We are delighted that you will be with us.

The first session begins at 11:00 on the 16th. There will be an afternoon meeting and evening session, and a meeting until noon on the 17th. I hope you will be present at all of these. It really is necessary. When a key person drops in and out it really breaks the continuity of the workshop.

There will be lunch both days and dinner for the evening, served to us at Clark College. We have funds to cover these meals.

We are looking forward to having you with us.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 17, 1958

September 17, 1958

Mr.

Mr. Galen Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Here is a copy of the clipping.

Appreciate comments concerning New South.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

September 18, 1958

Mr. Arthur R. Buckley
Associate Editor
The Seabury Press
Havemeyer Place
Greenwich, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Buckley:

Mrs. Alexander has asked me to reply to your letter of the 15th. We are indeed anxious to see Bishop Brown's book and will do whatever we can to see that it is called to the attention of the appropriate persons.

For SRC you might send a copy to the following persons:

James M. Dabbs
(SRC President)
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, S. C.

Marion A. Wright
(SRC Vice-President)
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, N. C.

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta, Georgia

John Constable, Dir.
of Information and
Editor, NEW SOUTH
Southern Regional Council

Ralph McGill, Editor
The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia

There are a number of other persons, whom you may or may not have on your mailing list, who might profitably receive a copy of the book. These are mainly persons in the social action departments of the major denominations active in Southern race relations. A list of such persons is attached.

If we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (List)

LIST

Nathaniel Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human
Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dr. A. C. Miller
The Christian Life
Commission of the
Southern Baptist
Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, N.
Nashville, Tennessee

Tartt Bell
American Friends Service
Committee
P. O. Box 1307
High Point, N. C.

A. Dudley Ward
Board of Social and
Economic Relations
The Methodist Church
740 Rush Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

H. Ben Sissel
Associate Secretary
The Board of Christian
Education of the
Presbyterian Church, USA
830 Witherspoon Building
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Will D. Campbell
National Council of Churches of Christ
1716 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee
National Cuuncil of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 853
Lynchburg, Virginia

Mr. John R. Marion
Presbyterian Church in U.S.A.
1409 Chowan Road
Richmond, Virginia

Herman Long
Congregational Christian Churches
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Miss Thelma Stevens
Woman's Division of Christian
Service
The Methodist Church
150 Fifth Avenue
New York 11, New York

Rev. Colbert S. Cartwright
Pulaski Heights Christian Church
Hillcrest and Spruce
Little Rock, Arkansas

September 18, 1958

Mr. John Howland Lathrop
President
National Consumers League
  for Fair Labor Standards
1025 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Room 716
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Lathrop:

Dr. Mitchell, to whom you wrote on September 17th, has retired and now lives in Scotland. His address is:

Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

We are forwarding your letter to Dr. Mitchell.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Encls: Lin Holloway Reprint - Journal & Guide
Cong. Record Reprint.
Midsummer Report
FBR statement on Con. Ser. Prog.

September 18, 1958

Mr. John Lofton
Editorial Writer
Pittsburg Post-Gazette
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lofton:

We are answering your letter of September 15th since Mr. Fleming is away from the office and time may be of some importance to you.

Enclosed are several pieces of material which should be of help to you in determining the work of SRC. Among these materials is our midsummer report, which you will note is essentially confidential. We include it, however, for whatever value it may have as background material. Little published material exists on our consultant services to Southern communities since, quite naturally, much of this work is also confidential. However, enclosed is a statement on that program prepared by Fred Routh, Assistant Director of SRC and the staff member in charge of our field activities.

We very much enjoyed your review of Mr. Dabbs' book and are most appreciative of your generous comment about the Council. If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mf

September 18, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Harold is away from the office and, in the interest of time, we are responding to your letter of the 16th.

John is sending you the requested 100 copies of the Ashmore reprint. He advises me that a few additional copies may be available but the demand for this piece is heavy and it is unlikely that we will continue to have an appreciable number on hand unless another printing is justified.

Enclosed are copies of the reviews from the *Christian Science Monitor* and the *Saturday Review*. We had not seen the *Jet* piece, but will attempt to secure a copy of the September 18 issue. Unfortunately, we do not receive WIS-TV in the Atlanta area but it's certainly good news to know of this local exposure.

Incidentally, we have arranged with the Fund for the Republic, for copies of the transcript of the Wallace interview and a few copies will be available for SCHR if you want them.

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Congratulations on the good news concerning the SCHWARPTHAUP Foundation. It's good news indeed. How much?

I'm sure you will hear from Harold on his return. In the meantime, our best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mf

Encl: Fact Sheets on Rear Adm. Crommelin (U.S. Navy)

September 18, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Harold is away from the office and in his absence we are answering your letter of the 15th since time may be of some importance to you.

Enclosed are two pieces of material on Admiral Crommelin which pretty much cover the field. These we secured from the local (Southeastern) office of the Anti-Defamation League. The New York office of ADL has quite a file on the Admiral. Possibly, if you need additional material or some human interest stuff as it might appear in newspaper clips, the ADL could supply it. Also, if you think it necessary, this might afford a good opportunity to become acquainted with the type of information available from ADL and the people there.

If we can be of further help, yell.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:mf

September 18, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

Enclosed herewith is information - such as it is - on hospital desegregation. There is a considerable amount of information here that should be helpful to the local group interested in this particular aspect of the problem. I hope you will find this helpful and that it will increase the reputation of the Virginia Council for efficiency and promptness with the local group.

Warm regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
encls.

September 18, 1958

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

I'm glad you're making another stab at scheduling the Resident Foreign Correspondents Project. The new dates, however, are a bit awkward for me. Our annual meeting is set for November 10 and 11, which means not only that I will have to be present and bright-eyed on the 10th, but also that I will undoubtedly be wrestling with last-minute details for several days preceding.

I do feel that the race relations session of your project is extremely important and want to participate if at all possible. If the session could be moved closer to the beginning of the meeting - preferably Friday, or second-best Saturday - I could probably make it on a hit-and-run basis.

In the light of this complication, you may want to make other arrangements. But if the rescheduling isn't too difficult, let me know.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 18, 1958

Mr. Lawrence Lader
85 East End Avenue
New York 28, New York

Dear Larry:

Ever since I received your last letter our research assistant has been searching for good sources or materials on the sheriff and the county jail. She reports that the search - even with the help of the State Library and League of Women Voters - yielded nothing worthwhile.

Sorry we can't help on this one, for we like the reformist jag you seem to be on!

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 19, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear M. A. W.:

I have passed on your interesting idea about research on the question of the constitutionality of private school plans to Mr. Griswold. He found your idea rather exciting and said that there were several groups who would be in a better position than the Arkansas Council to undertake this task in the "land of opportunity."

We sent him a list of articles of sources that should be helpful to any person undertaking this educational project. On the attached sheet is a copy of the sources we recommended.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

(Information sent to Nat Griswold)

1. Nicholson, Francis B.
   "Legal Standing of the South's School Resistance Proposals,"
   S. C. Law Quarterly, v. 7 (No. 1, Fall, 1954),

2. The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science,
   "Racial Desegregation and Integration"
   v. 304, March 1956.

3. Leflar, Robert A.
   "What the Supreme Court Said..."
   Southern School News reprint - by SRC.

4. Journal of Public Law
   "Segregation in the Public Schools - A Symposium"
   Emory University Law School, v. 3, Spring 1954, No. 1.

5. Vanderbilt Law Review
   "Annual Survey of Tennessee Law"
   v. 7, August 1954, No. 5.

6. Gauerke, Warren E. (Emory University)
   "Private" School Plans and Racial Integration
   Reprinted from SCHOOL AND SOCIETY, April 30, v. 81, No. 2058.

7. Murphy, Jay
   Can Public Schools Be "Private"?
   Reprinted from Volume VII of the Alabama Law Review
   Fall, 1954.

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MATERIALS SENT:

Publication Listings
Mixomania
Who Started Segregated Schools in Georgia
A Resolution Concerning Racial Violation
Mixed Schools and Mixed Blood
The Cause of the Confederacy
NEW SOUTH - September, 1958 and 2/58, 4/58
The Angry South
JOURNAL AND GUIDE Reprint
Attitudes Toward Desegregation
The Easy Chair
N. Y. TIMES Magazine reprint
THE WALL STREET JOURNAL reprint
Religion and Race
The South Speaks Out for Law and Order
Changing Patterns
Congressional Record
Religious Bodies
The Move to Disenfranchise the Negro Voter
Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
Some General Observations in the Negro Community of Little Rock, Ark.
State vs Federal Authority in Va.

September 19, 1958

Mr. Clarence E. Barnes
Health and Welfare Secretary
Canton Urban League, Inc.
819 Liberty Avenue, S. E.
Canton 7, Ohio

Dear Clarence:

Under separate cover we're sending you a number of publications of the Council and several other organizations, including one of the "resistance groups," the Georgia States' Rights Council (whose former director, William Bodenhamer, was recently defeated in the gubernatorial election).

I hope you will find the material of interest, and also, that if you're ever in this region you'll make a point of coming by to meet our staff. If there is any specific information we might be able to provide you with, let us know.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

September 19, 1958

U. S. Government Printing Office
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am anxious to obtain figures showing the amount of federal aid to public elementary and secondary schools during 1957-58 (with a state by state breakdown).

If such information is available, please send us the title and cost, so that we may properly order the material.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

September 19, 1958

Mr. Howard K. Smith
c/o Columbia Broadcasting System
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

The other day - I believe it was Sunday - you moderated a program on which the Dean of the Harvard School of Law, among others, appeared. The program was exciting and informative. It was a splendid educational opportunity for Southern viewers. It was obvious that the Dean of Harvard Law School knew more about constitutional law than is customary even among scholars of jurisprudence.

We would very much appreciate, if it is readily available, a written transcript of the program. If there is any cost involved please charge it to the Southern Regional Council.

I have not seen you, except on television, since we met at the University of London when you spoke to a class in the summer school in which I was teaching.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 19, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Paul 'n all that...

Just a note to say three things:

1. Thanks for the good letter-report - it is being circulated among the professional staff here.

2. Your request for info for the Alexandria Council has been turned over to our information division and you'll hear from us shortly.

3. Enclosed is the name of a good egg. If you approach him you might say you'd been given his name by Margaret Price.

Regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 22, 1958

Professor Arthur S. Miller
Emory University Law School
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear Arthur:

Thanks very much for letting me see the galley proofs of your *Reporter* article and the exchange of correspondence with Morgan, which I am returning to you herewith.

I could tell from the galleys that they had cut your article, perhaps not too expertly. I know it is frustrating, but you may take some comfort from the knowledge that they do this to everybody. And, despite the cutting, your main points come through quite clearly. I think the readers of *The Reporter* will gain from it an important understanding of the nature and strategy of Southern resistance.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

Mr. John Lofton
Editorial Writer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lofton:

I was very glad to see your letter of September 15th, which Paul Anthony answered in my absence. It is welcome news indeed that you are doing a magazine article on Mr. Dabbs. I have felt for some time now that such an article would be a natural.

If we can furnish any additional information on SRC, Mr. Dabbs, or the Southern situation in general, let us hear from you.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

Mr. George Leighton
123 West Madison Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Leighton:

I am embarrassed to tell you that a memo from me to our research staff, concerning your request of several weeks ago, went astray within the office and only came to light again the other day. I am sorry for this delay in responding and hope the enclosed materials may still be of use to you.

In addition to the enclosures, the only relevant printed material we know of is the Journal of Negro Education, Summer 1957; University of Mississippi Master's Thesis on "Negro Voting in Mississippi" by James Franklin Barnes, 1955; and The Report on Hearings of the Senate Sub-Committee on Constitutional Rights of the Committee on the Judiciary, Civil Rights, 1957.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

September 22, 1958

Mr. A. C. Shipman
President
Southeastern Stages, Inc.
457 Piedmont Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 8, Georgia

Dear Mr. Shipman:

This is to acknowledge with thanks your letter of September 16th concerning the incident involving Miss Saeeda Nabi Baksh at your Athens, Georgia station.

I am glad to have the results of your investigation and I am transmitting a copy of your letter to Miss Baksh's sponsors in this country, so that they may share it with her.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

Miss Grace B. House
Village Lane
Orient, Long Island
New York, New York

Dear Miss House:

Thanks so much for your kind acknowledgement of my recent letter transmitting the July-August New South. We are delighted to have you as a subscriber.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

Miss Margaret Fisher
910 West End Avenue, 7A
New York 25, New York

Dear Maggie:

Our research assistant thought you might be interested in the enclosed clippings concerning urban renewal developments here in Atlanta.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

Atl. Const. Aug. 26, 1958 - "Renewal Committee is Representative Group"

Atl. World August 8, 1958 - "Twenty Negroes on Mayor's 'Enlarged' Citizens Group"

September 22, 1958

Mr. Wright G. Baker
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from Mr. A. C. Shipman, president of Southeastern Stages, Inc., concerning his investigation of the incident involving Miss Baksh. While his findings and the letter seem to us inadequate in some respects, we are inclined to let the matter rest at this point. You may want to share the letter - or the substance of it - with Miss Baksh.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

cc: Bob Hughes also copy of Mr. Eddy's ltr. dtd. Sept. 20, 1958

September 22, 1958

Mr. David B. Eddy
Route 2, Box 5
Wadley, Alabama

Dear David:

Indeed I do remember you and our common efforts at the time of the Piedmont College dust-up. I have had a special interest in Southern Union College ever since.

It's most generous of you to contribute the ten (10) shares of Grumman Aircraft Eng. Corporation stock to the Alabama Council. I know that Bob Hughes and his board will be deeply grateful, as we are.

We shall be more than happy to accept the shares, sell them, and convey the proceeds to the Alabama Council. As soon as the transaction is completed, you will have our official receipt for the shares.

With warm regards to you and my other friends there,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

The Honorable Richard B. Russell
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Russell:

Thank you for your reply of September 16th to my letter concerning the New Bedford newspaper series.

I realize, of course, that it would have been impossible for you to insert the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* editorial into the Congressional Record for the last session. It was my intention to request that you do so when Congress reconvenes. I appreciate your willingness to consider this and hope that your decision will be favorable.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 22, 1958

Mr. Cornelius A. Wood, Jr.
1018 Dupont Circle Building
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you for your kind letter of September 17th. I am glad to send you the enclosed list of our board members, and I thought you might like to see also our most recent report of program activities.

The next time I am in Washington, I will be sure to call you in the hope that we may become acquainted.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

September 22, 1958

Reverend Caxton Doggett
The Methodist Church
P. O. Box 825
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

I have just received the copy of your worship you gave us at Lake Byrd Lodge on "The God of Justice, Truth, and Love" but I need the personality back of it.

We are having a Southwide workshop here in Atlanta at Clark College, October 16-17. I would certainly like to have you give this same worship service. The opening session will be at 11:00 on the 16th. Of course we will take care of your travel and entertainment. As you know, that is about all the Southern Regional Council can do.

Your service was so well planned and so to the point that I coveted it for the beginning of the workshop.

Our women will come from the Southeastern states, and are leaders of both races and three faiths. I would appreciate it if you would advise me as soon as possible if you can render this great service for us.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 22, 1958

Miss Ruth Bartholomew
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Ruth:

I am enclosing some information about the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17. When you read it, I hope you will feel a desire to be with us. Thelma will not be here this year but Margaret Bender will.

I would certainly love to have you. Please let me know.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

80 copies Sept. New South
" " Ashmore reprint
" " Publication listings

September 22, 1958

Mr. J. Ray Shute, President
Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice
P. O. Box 24
Monroe, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Shute:

Thank you for your letter of September 15, concerning NEW SOUTH and the Ashmore reprint. Under separate cover we are mailing you the copies you requested plus some copies of our Publication Listings.

We hope these will be of some aid to you and we appreciate your interest.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 22, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

Here is the biographical sketch of Mrs. Tilly which Harold promised you.

Earlier Mrs. Tilly's secretary mailed Mrs. D. M. Davis of your office a biographical sketch plus a glossy print of Mrs. Tilly. We think this may have been intended for the same purpose as the one you have requested. However, we are sending the extra copy along.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

September 22, 1958

Mrs. Dick H. Hall, Jr.
627 East Ponce de Leon Avenue
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Hall:

Enclosed you will find some information about a workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17. I certainly do want you to be with us.

You may find you have some Mississippi friends in the group. These women will be of the three faiths--both races and will come from the Southeastern states. They are the leaders of their denominational WOMAN'S organizations. I feel things will be complete if you could be with us. If you would want to stay over that night I will be glad to have you and make reservation for you.

With the best of wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 22, 1958

U. S. National Commission for UNESCO
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to have two hundred copies of the pamphlet "Human Rights Day" to be used in a workshop of church women leaders to be held in Atlanta, October 16-17. The copy which we have does not give the price.

Please ship them to us with the bill following and you will receive a check accordingly.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 22, 1958

Mrs. Esther Stamats
United Church Women
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Stamats:

I have a reservation for you for the workshop at Clark College for the 16th and 17th. I am more than delighted that you are coming. Mr. Fleming said he saw you and you told him that you would be here.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 22, 1958

Dr. Evelyn Berry
Paine College
Augusta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Berry:

The enclosure will let you know about the workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned at Clark College, October 16-17. I hope you can come. I would appreciate if you would let me know so that I can make reservation for you at Bumstead Hall.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 22, 1958

Miss Rosamond Johnson
Wesley Community House
342 Richardson Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rosamond:

The enclosure will tell you something about the workshop which will be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16-17. You and yours from the Wesley House will be welcome and we would certainly love to have you be there. Call me or drop me a card and let me know.

Thank you so much for your courtesies to Mrs. Kaiser. Here is a quote from her note. "I want to thahk you very much for your help. The meeting with Miss Johnson, Wesley Community, was one of the most remarkable impressions I got over here. Please, remember me to her, if you see her." I am wondering if you found a revival for her.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

September 23, 1958

Mrs. Roscoe Anthony
Care of YWCA
901 S. Olive Avenue
West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Anthony:

Because of the abiding interest of the YW and the Southern Regional Council in each others endeavors, you may already know something of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South" and the Workshop held each year. We are enclosing a sheet that will give more invitation.

We are extending to you an invitation to the 1958 Workshop and urge you to be with us

Place: Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.
Dates: Oct. 16 - 17, beginning at 11 a. m. on the 16th and ending on the 17th after lunch.
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The wording of the theme of the Workshop is taken from the first "Whereas" of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Recognition of the Inherent Dignity and of the Equal and Inalienable Rights of All Members of the Human Family".

We will have splendid leadership. The first day and evening we will face things as they are in reference to our schools and seek wisdom and faith and courage for the facing of these days. We hope to have Dorothy Height with us on the second day as we think in terms of the tenth anniversary of The Declaration of Human Rights.

Some are staying at the Piedmont Hotel but most of the women will be at Burnstead Hall, Atlanta University which is just a block from Kresge Hall.

I will like very much to hear from you shortly - and would like your answer to be an acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

MET/bee

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

September 23, 1958

Mrs. Raymond Lee
631 Smallwood Circle
Clearwater, Florida

Dear Mrs. Lee:

Because of the abiding interest of the YW and the Southern Regional Council in each others endeavors, you may already know something of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South" and the Workshop held each year. We are enclosing a sheet that will give more invitation.

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Sincerely yours,

MET/bes

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

September 23, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I have read both of the enclosed manuscripts with the usual pleasure and admiration. I concur with Fred's favorable comments.

I have only one slight qualification to add. It seems to me that your thesis would be borne out more strongly if your earlier examples all were shown to have led clearly to tyranny. I am not sure that this could be demonstrated in the case of the English example, but it would be possible to spell out in a sentence or two the excesses and successive dictatorships which followed the French Revolution.

I think this is a very fruitful analogy which should serve to alert many complacent people to the dangers of present developments in the South.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

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P.S. See Marge Manderson's enclosed comment.
H.

September 23, 1958

U. S. News & World Report
United States News Publishing Corp.
2300 N Street N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like to subscribe to "U. S. News & World Report" for one year.

Enclosed please find our check for $6.00.

Very truly yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Encl.

September 23, 1958

Mrs. Evans
Care of Branch YWCA
700 S. Campbell
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Evans:

Because of the abiding interest of the YW and the Southern Regional Council in each others endeavers, you may already know something of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South" and the Workshop held each year. We are enclosing a sheet that will give more invitation.

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I will like very much to hear from you shortly - and would like your answer to be an acceptance.

Sincerely yours,

MET/bcc

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

September 23, 1958

Mrs. William Hough
President YWCA
647 First Avenue N.
St. Petersburg, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hough:

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Sincerely yours,

MET/bce

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

September 23, 1958

Mr. John Cosgrove
Assistant Director of Education, AFL-CIO
815 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

Enclosed are five copies of the "Easy Chair" by Ashmore, as requested in your telegram. I am also sending you our chronology of events in Little Rock. This has just been compiled and strikes me as a flatly factual but extremely effective way of indicating the essentially destructive and useless role played by Governor Faubus.

In your use of the Ashmore piece you may wish to keep in mind that the Arkansas Gazette has felt it necessary to ease up on its positive editorial policy during the past few months. This has meant a willingness on their part to support delay in the Little Rock situation to a degree, I think, that would thwart a proper and just settlement of a troubled situation. However, they must be under pressures other than those of seeking the community good.

It was very good to have been with you during the recent Southern Labor School. Let me know whenever there is any service which I can perform for you or the department.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encls.

September 23, 1958

Dr. F. D. Patterson
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

Last week we had a most wonderful workshop with the women of Florida and Saturday of this week we will hold another in Montgomery, Alabama. I wish it had been possible for you to attend both of these.

BUT, the big Southwide workshop will be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16 and 17. I wish you might be at this one not only to see how the money of the Phelps-Stokes Fund is put to work, but also because all in attendance would benefit from the contribution you would make to our discussions.

We will have some women here from Arkansas. I have, just today, received an aceeptance of one person from Charlottesville, Virginia. I am sure you are aware that our Workshop will be full of grave concerns of brave women seeking ways to help the South out of its dilemma.

Please let me hear from you and I am hoping that your reply will be one of acceptance to this invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

September 23, 1958

Father Arthur E. Walmsley, Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
National Council Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Father Walmsley:

Since I wrote you, in answer to your questionnaire, that the church should take positive action at this time in the desegregation controversy, I feel obliged to make a specific suggestion.

The work of the Rev. Cornelius C. Tarplee, who is the Associate Secretary of your division, has been constructive, wise, and meaningful. Neil has demonstrated, time and again, his professional ability and personal dedication in this ticklish situation.

Neil has cooperated with our Southern Interagency Conference -- an informal association of professionals in intergroup relations working in the South. Attending these meetings have been field staff representatives from the Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, the Disciples, the Roman Catholics and the Jewish defense organizations as well as other intergroup relations agencies. As an Episcopalian, I am happy to see our church taking an active part in applying Christian principles to the great domestic problems of our age.

I understand that the specific project which Neil heads is up for renewal at our Annual Convention. As I said in the last answer to your questionnaire, "Perhaps in this crisis the living church, if it acts promptly and wisely, will regain its position of moral leadership which it lost because of its unwillingness or inability in the past to focus on the great moral issues of the day." It is my considered judgment that the continuation of Neil's work would be a step - a significant step - in that direction.

Faithfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 23, 1958

The Honorable W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. White:

All of us at the Southern Regional Council are rejoicing that you feel it may be possible for you, yourself, to be in attendance at the Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned; the women's program of the Council. We are more than appreciative because our need is so great to understand better the extent and limitations of the powers of the Department of Justice. You will find the women most eager and willing to cooperate with the Government.

The Workshop is scheduled to take place at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16 and 17. We understand that if you will find it impossible to leave Washington on these dates, you will send someone else from the Department.

If you will give us the time of your arrival, we will arrange to have someone meet you and bring you to the College.

Please accept my thanks, not only for your anticipated visit, but also for the courtesies that have been shown me personally and those shown to our organization.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

September 23, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Harold Fleming

From: Fred Routh

Subj: Little Rock - a report of a phone conversation with Nat Griswold

The sixty-one lawyers who signed the statement opposing closed schools and "private" schools represent the cream of the Little Rock Bar Association.

The president of the student body at Hall High School polled the students; 70% voted for an open, desegregated school! This has caused quite a stir in Little Rock.

The Boards of two churches have gone on record opposing the closing of schools and defiance of the Court decision. Two ministers - one at Brooks Hays' home parish - preached sermons urging compliance with the Court decision.

The "ladies" went to the TV stations and asked for equal time to answer Faubus' speech of the other night. One TV station has granted this, the other will probably do so, too. The "ladies" have a panel all set to go - three lawyers and three laymen - who will hit at the constitutionality of the "private" school plans. The Arkansas Council has had quite a part in this.

-:-

c. c. John Hope II
C. H. Parrish

September 23, 1958

Mr. Richard Hocking
1146 Lullwater Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hocking:

I will be in Alabama on Saturday of this week attending a statewide meeting called by the two women who are working there and whose expenses have come from the funds of the Ella Lyman Cabot Trust Fund.

I would like to see you next week, at your convenience, to give you the story of this work. These women have a wonderful story to relay; a story that has required courage, perserverance, and faith. Please call me and let me know the best time for me to see you.

I am feeling very grateful to you for making it possible for us to secure these funds.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

September 23, 1958

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
Program Secretary
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 Fifth Avenue, Rm. 3461
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

Each year, you will remember, I have invited you to the Southwide Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned; the women's program of the Southern Regional Council.

This year, the Workshop will be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, October 16 and 17. Our general theme will be the first Whereas of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Recognition of the Inherent Dignity and of the Equal and Inalienable Rights of all Members of the Human Family." I think it would be wonderful if you could be in attendance to see for yourself how the John Hay Whitney Foundation money for the Fellowship of the Concerned is put to work.

Here's hoping that you will be with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/mf

September 23, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
c/o Miss Jean Childers
270 Blalock Drive
Houston, Texas

Dear Jean:

I have received a request from your secretary that I send more information on the forthcoming meeting of the Interagency group to you at this address.

Unfortunately, there is little I can add to the memos sent out earlier.

These are my (most) unofficial observations:

(1) Meeting was changed due to a holiday about which we should have known, but did not. This has cost us something in attendance; most obvious to date - Ruby Hurley, NAACP.

(2) It's an important and critical time and we, as agencies, need to know of each others thinkings and plans.

(3) There are specific items for the agenda - i.e., the Virginia and Arkansas cities - but equally important is the sharing of our thinking on the general trends and the strategy

to be planned as of this point.

If your attendance will seriously disrupt other important work, it is unlikely that the meeting would justify your coming. Otherwise, the meeting should justify the effort.

Hope to see you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 23, 1958

Miss Anna Holden
Race Relations Department
Fisk University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Anna:

The Interagency meeting of October 9 and 10 is now confirmed per the enclosed. Accommodations will be available at A. U. if you want them.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 23, 1958

Mr. B. Tartt Bell
American Friends Service Committee
1818 South Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Tartt:

Happy to know that the change of dates does not complicate things. A proposed agenda will follow in time.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 23, 1958

Mr. Galen Martin
P. O. Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

On October 9 we'll be here and will look forward to the chance for lunch before the meeting.

After arrival, call if there are complications. Otherwise, we'll expect you at the office around noon.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 23, 1958

Mr. Clarence W. Baldwin
Pilgrim Congregational Church
1819 Eighth Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Baldwin:

My most sincere appreciation for your kind comments about my "appearance" at Southern Union. However, I am of the opinion that persons such as you, Mrs. Baldwin, and Miss Campbell are the real pioneers in this difficult area of human relations since you daily deal with all the people and make it possible for others of us to "visit".

Incidentally, the enclosed materials have been sent to most of the campers at Miss Campbell's request. Also, each will receive New South for six months.

New South does go to most of the editors in the deep South; most complimentary, some by subscription. We'll never turn down a contribution, but honesty compels me to forewarn you!

It occurs to me that you and the Rev. Bob Hughes (Alabama Council on Human Relations, 1218 Comer Building, Birmingham) have much in common and I hope you will become acquainted with Bob and his work. I am sure that your interest would mean a great deal.

Again, it was thoughtful of you to write and if we can be of any possible help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - Wall Street Journal Reprint, dtd. 2/14/58
Popham's N. Y. Times Reprint, dtd. 12/1/57
Next Steps in the South

B.C. Rbt. Hughes - Ala. Council
Miss Annie R. Campbell - Congregational Christian Churches

September 23, 1958

Dr. Almon Pepper
National Council - Protestant Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear "Pep:"

This is an off-the-record, personal letter to you. Each year, for nearly a decade, the National Council of our Church has made a $1,000 contribution to the Southern Regional Council. Other denominations have contributed, too, and continue to do so. Enclosed is a list of contributions from the various groups.

This year, as has been the practice, we wrote Dr. Willis G. Wright -- on December 14, 1957 -- requesting continued aid from the Church in 1958. To date we have not heard from Dr. Wright.

The Church's generous contributions have been greatly appreciated, but appreciated even more has been the significance of the support: the Church standing behind the things for which we labor.

As an Episcopalian, I am concerned that we may have done something to cause withdrawal of the Church's support. I wonder if you could make discreet inquiries into this and advise me privately?

Warm personal regards.

Faithfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
enc. list of contributions to SRC

September 24, 1958

Mr. Stanton Smith, President
Southern Labor School
939 Church Street
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Stanton:

My expenses in connection with the recent Southern Labor School are as follows:

transportation and postage (for special materials distributed)	$63.49
meals in transit and tips	7.01
total	$70.50

I still have good impressions regarding the school. From a number of points of view I believe a great deal was accomplished. I certainly look forward to seeing a tally on the evaluation sheets; with the staff feeling as good as they did about the results it will be interesting to see the summary evaluations of the participants themselves.

I am working on the several items which I promised to send out to each of the participants; the names and addresses of those in attendance will be most helpful.

Stanton, it is a big job which you take on in organising these schools, and you deserve a great deal of commendation for both your efforts and your successes in seeing them through. It was good to have been with you last week and I look forward to future work together.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

September 24, 1958

American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send me one (1) copy of the ACLU statements on labor unions civil rights question, "A Labor Union Bill of Rights," etc. This is your pamphlet #17.

I am a contributing member.

Thanks.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 24, 1958

Mr. Victor Bussie, President
Louisiana State Labor Council, AFL-CIO
427 Ricou-Brewster Building
Shreveport, Louisiana

Dear Vic:

It was indeed very good to have some time with you during the Southern Labor School last week. I trust we will not be so long in getting together again.

I notice in a recent news note that Governor Long, either in a speech or statement, made a fairly strong rebuke of Senator Rainach, accusing him of using the segregation issue for political ends and of intimidating those who disagree with him. A copy of this speech or a reference as to where it may be found would be most useful. If by some chance you have a news report of the statement, we could copy it here and send the original back to you.

Incidently, any documenting that the Louisiana Labor Council has done of Rainach's anti-labor record would be of interest also.

The several items which I indicated I would be sending to each of the participants in the Southern Labor School will be on their way shortly.

Best personal wishes to you and to Mrs. Bussie.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE sent to the following - (9/24/58)

Dr. Bell I. Wiley
Emory University

Dorcas Ruthenburg
Louisville, Kentucky

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
Gallatin, Tennessee

Rt. Rev. E. A. Penick
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dr. Merrimon Cuninggim
Dalls, Texas

Mr. Jerome Crossman
Dallas, Texas

Mr. Irving E. Carlyle
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Mr. John H. Wheeler
Durhma, N. C.

Mr. Paul Christopher
Knoxville, Tennessee

Mr. Paul D. Williams
Richmond, Virginia

Fr. Alexander Sigur
LaFayette, Louisiana

Miss Josephine Wilkins
Athens, Georgia.

Dr. B. R. Brazeal
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
Atlanta, Georgia

Dr. Albert W. Dent
New Orleans, ~~Louisiana~~ La.

Mr. Frank Bane
Comm. on Civil Rights
Washington, D. C.

Miss Katharine Taylor
Cambridge, Mass.

September 25, 1958

Mrs. Britta Wickstrom
Chairman - WCIC-Literature Committee
Box 113
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Wickstrom:

Thank you for your note concerning the "Easy Chair" reprints from Harper's magazine. We can let you have 100 of these @ 3¢ per copy.

Let me know if we can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec

September 25, 1958

Mr. Harold Boyd, President
Virginia State AFL-CIO
102 North Belvidere
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Hal:

I thought you might want to see the enclosed clips. There are some good points made and some indication that people are coming to their senses. I was pleased to see a good bit of constructive stuff in the Lynchburg News.

It was good to have seen you in Daytona. Best personal wishes, and you guys yell if I can be of help.

Regards to Julian and Brewster.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
encls: newsclips (Washington Post & Times Herald, 9/21/58)
Wall Street Journal, 9/19/58

September 25, 1958

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, this is to request the William C. Whitney Foundation's renewed assistance to our general operating budget for 1959. At the same time, we want to express the Council's deep appreciation for the support already received; it has been, quite literally, invaluable.

Since the Foundation has been rather fully informed of the Council's activities -- most recently by the Midsummer Report -- I will not prolong this request with another detailed account of program. However, a full financial analysis for 1958 and, prospectively, for 1959 is attached.

From these financial data and the program reports previously submitted, it should be evident that the William C. Whitney Foundation's annual grant of $5,000 is of great importance to the Council. It represents one of the very few recurring grants for the general support of the Council's work. And aside from the terminal grant of the Fund for the Republic, only two other "expectable" grants for 1959 are as large. (See exhibit II.) An impressive total of foundation support may be anticipated for special projects (see exhibit III), but these earmarked funds contribute only slightly to the central financial base of the Council on which our ongoing effectiveness depends.

As George Mitchell once said of foundations, "A good many are willing to help you grow a rose, but a precious few will water the main stem." In these colorful terms, the William C. Whitney Foundation's support has been blessedly "main-stem."

To illustrate the importance of this briefly, following are the main functions that must be carried on with general support:

(1) Administration and overhead. There would be no program at all, of course, if the Council could not maintain an effective professional and clerical staff, carry on promotion and fund-raising, combat public attacks by the organized segregationists, and so on.

(2) Public information. All of the Council's information functions are dependent on general support -- the monthly publication New South, special reports, work with the press and other media, the handling of thousands of information requests from community leaders and organizations, and the maintenance of the reference files on which these activities depend.

(3) Financial and program aid to state and local Councils on Human Relations. These councils, which in many areas are the only channels for communication and cooperation by whites and Negroes, could hardly survive without the services and financial assistance of the Council.

(4) Work with government agencies. The Council is in a strategic position to advise and strengthen the performance of those official agencies with responsibilities in the field of civil rights -- e. g., the Commission on Civil Rights, the Department of Justice, the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

(5) Services to foreign visitors. The Council now plays host to more than 100 influential foreign leaders a year. Through the Council, they get a view of the South that serves, as nothing else could, to offset the damaging effects of propaganda and adverse publicity abroad.

(6) Assistance to beleaguered individuals and groups. As our program reports have pointed out, the emotionalism of Southern resistance to desegregation has led to increasing pressures and reprisals against liberals and moderates, white and Negro. The Council is one of the very few organizations in the South to which they can turn for advice and help.

These are some of the many -- and, we feel, vital -- activities which the William C. Whitney Foundation's support helps make possible. I need hardly say that, as the crises continue to multiply in the region, the demand for these activities grows daily. Thus we submit this request for renewed aid in 1959 not out of habit or complacency, but out of a sense of urgency which I know you and the other Trustees share.

If further information will assist the Foundation in considering our request, please call on me for it. Meanwhile, our appreciation and warm regards.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosures - 5
4 copies of 1958 Financial Analysis
1 Board List

September 25, 1958

Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

Thank you for your prompt action in filling our request for twenty-four copies of The Southern Heritage by Mr. Dabbs.

However, we find that we can make use of fourteen additional copies of the book. If we can purchase the additional fourteen at the forty percent discount you so kindly granted us on the previous order, please send this number and bill the Southern Regional Council at the discount price plus postage.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

September 26, 1958

Mrs. D. D. Terry
411 E. 7th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Terry:

I think you have had a letter explaining the fact that I am away from the office a great deal and that my secretary did not have your street address, so your letter remained unanswered.

Every year we have a meeting of "The Fellowship of the Concerned, Southern Women Concerned About Their South." Our funds have been limited, and heretofore Arkansas has been such a good state in Human Relations that we have never invited any women to attend. Now I feel that we need representatives of Arkansas to be with us at the workshop to be held October 16-17.

We would like very much to have you among those who are coming from your state. I sincerely hope the lateness of this invitation will not find you with previous commitments that will prevent your coming.

Enclosed you will find a regular invitation and a blank to be filled in and sent back to us.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures

September 26, 1958

Dr. Kenneth Vines
Department of Political Science
Tulane University
New Orleans 8, Louisiana

Dear Doctor Vines:

Thank you for your letter of September 25. We are delighted that you will be able to send us some material on Negro registration and voting and look forward to hearing from you again with great interest.

In reponse to a routine request the Louisiana Secretary of State sent a copy of his report to the governor, covering the period January 1, 1955 -- December 31, 1956, which includes total voter registration in 1956. This, of course, is the total we had received from you at the time of the earlier survey. I had hoped that the secretary might have current figures. Do you think that the various parishes might have submitted new voting figures but that these have not yet been printed?

Any help you might offer in gathering the current total of white and Negro registrations in Louisiana would be appreciateed.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

MP/bee

Same ltr to: D. Luthenburg

September 26, 1958

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Many thanks for responding so promptly to my telegram concerning a proposed meeting of the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, October 7. This is to confirm the meeting at 2:00 P. M. on that date, at the offices of SRC. Unfortunately, because of travel; two of the five members of the Committee will not be able to meet at all prior to our deadline, therefore, we are particularly glad that you can make the meeting.

Of course, there will be ample time for the actions taken at the October 7 meeting to be reviewed later by the absent members. So the nominations presented at the Annual Meeting may still reflect the views of the entire committee.

The nominations to be made include those for President, Vice-Presidents, Counsel, the Executive Committee, eight board members, and three members of next year's nominating committee.

We will have available all of the names that have been suggested for these positions, and I am sure you will think of others who should be considered.

I am looking forward to seeing you on the 7th. Meanwhile, our appreciation and best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 26, 1958

Department of Health, Education, Welfare
Office of Education
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

We would like very much to obtain data on the total expenditure per pupil in public school systems below college grade for 1957-1958 (or the most recent year for which such figures are available). We need state totals and county by county totals, if possible (the latter would include both city and county school systems within each county), for the Southern states.

If such information is available, please send us the title and cost, so that we may properly order this material.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

September 26, 1958

Mr. L. D. Milton
President
Citizens Trust Company
212 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Milton:

Many thanks for responding so promptly to my telephone call concerning a proposed meeting of the Nominating Committee on Tuesday, October 7. This is to confirm the meeting at 2:00 P.M. on that date, at the offices of SRC. Unfortunately, because of travel; two of the five members of the committee will not be able to meet at all prior to our deadline, therefore, we are particularly glad that you can make the meeting.

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Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 26, 1958

Mr. William H. Oliver
Co-Director
Fair Practices and Anti-Discrimination
   Department, UAW
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Mr. Oliver:

This is to acknowledge your letter of September 24 to Mr. Anthony who is presently away from the office.

I am, today, mailing separately one dozen copies of our background memo of August 22, "State vs Federal Authority..." We are pleased to know that you have found this document to be of value and will be happy to furnish you with additional copies if you feel that you can use them.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs.) Mildred Flowers

MF

September 26, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I was talking with Nat Griswold, the Executive Director of the Arkansas Council on Human Relations, the other day and he asked me if I would check with you on the possibility of your being the featured speaker at their annual meeting. The date has not completely firmed up yet, but October 27 or October 30 are the likely dates. The Arkansas Council of course would assume responsibility for your expenses.

This is to ask you: (1) Will it be possible for you to serve in this capacity? and (2) Which of those two dates do you prefer - or would both be equally acceptable?

All good regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls

September 26, 1958

Dr. H. V. Richardson
President
Gammon Theological Seminary
1 McDonough Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

We were sorry to learn that you will be unable to meet with the Nominating Committee during the week of October 6. Since a quorum can be present on the 7th, we have scheduled the meeting for that date.

Since the Committee's actions do not have to be final until the Annual Meeting of November 11, I will pass on for your consideration the results of the forthcoming meeting.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 26, 1958

Mr. C. G. Gomillion
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gomillion:

Mrs. Gomillion was kind enough to wire me that it will be impossible for you to attend a meeting of the Nominating Committee. Fortunately, a quorum can be present at the SRC offices at 2:00 P. M. October 7, so we will proceed with the meeting at that time.

I am very sorry you are unable to be with us. If it is convenient, however, I should like to send for your consideration the results of the October 7 meeting. Your reactions would still be timely, since the committee's nominations do not have to be final until the Annual Meeting of November 11.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 26, 1958

Mr. Frank K. Kelly
Vice-President
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Frank:

Thurman Sensing and his Southern States Industrial Council have been on the right wing of the Southern scene for some time. The SSIC says it was founded in 1933, and in 1946 it claimed 7,000 members. But I suspect it survives as a one-man (Sensing) outfit, with some financial backing from business interests of the kind that have supported the Committee for Constitutional Government and like groups nationally.

Through direct-mail distributions and Sensing's writings -- which are distributed "free" to newspapers, and used by some -- the SSIC has viciously attacked organized labor and all its interests, the Wage-Hour Law, FEPC, social security, unemployment compensation, the United Nations, and so on. Sensing sees socialism and/or communism in every social and economic reform of the last fifty years. He is, of course, an impassioned defender of segregation.

The SSIC is headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee. Although I haven's seen a letterhead in some years, it used to display the names of some reactionary Southern industrialists and bankers. One of Sensing's cohorts is John U. Barr, a well-known Louisiana Dixiecrat.

Although a few ultra-conservative papers pick up Sensin g's sporadic articles, he is not a person of any appreciable prominence or influence. Like most such birds, he teeters on the brink of anti-semitism. He's not far removed from the category of Merwin K. Hart and Joseph Kamp, though he isn't as well known.

In short, I wouldn't be overly concerned about his attack on the Fund. The proper counter-action, I should think, would be a forceful letter to any newspaper that reprinted his diatribe.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL September 29, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
Route 1, Box 272
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

John Griffin called this morning to relay word received from the Virginia Secretary of State. Unfortuna tely, no county-by-county figures. But following are the state totals, which the Secretary of State said were based on reports of estimated numbers of voters furnished by clerks of courts throughout the State. He didn't say how recently these reports had been gathered, but I suppose we may assume these are 1958 figures.

Total Registration - 937,129

White Registrants - 805,431
Colored Registrants - 131,626
Indian Registrants - 72

Bruce Galphin's series began Sunday in the Journal-Constitution. John Constable will be sending you the articles as they come out.

I was delighted to hear from Bem this morning that he is going to be here next week. I am sure an Atlanta stop will result in one or more good pieces.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 29, 1958

Dear Grace:

Enclosed are copies of the various ordinances and other documents creating community relations groups. It will be fine if your efforts lead to some creative thought along these lines here in Atlanta.

Yours,

September 29, 1958

Mr. Paul E. Ertel, Jr.
Executive Director
Fellowship House
937 Lexington Avenue
Cincinnati 29, Ohio

Dear Paul:

Thanks for your note of September 25th containing the information that you are now executive director of Fellowship House in Cincinnati.

We know of the Circuit Riders. They are an outgrowth of dissatisfied Methodists. I am enclosing a copy of the clips about the money paid to M. G. Lowman of your city. In return, we would much appreciate all the information you can dig up on Mr. Lowman. I suggest you check with Marsh Bragdon and the ADL office, and any other source you might have.

See you at the NAIRO meeting.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures: Thermofaxed copies - Atl. Const. Aug. 2, 1958 "Cloak-And-Dagger Investigation... $4,500 from State...Harris"

"Atl.-Const.-Journal - "Griffin Endorses Hiring of GCE Investigator" - Aug. 3, 1958

September 29, 1958

Mrs. L. H. Chappell
3542 Kingsbury Road, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Chappell:

Mr. Harold Fleming, Executive Director of the Southern Regional Council has referred to me your request for information about the Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned to be held at Kresge Hall, Clark College, Atlanta on October 16-17.

Enclosed you will find some excerpts from "A Statement of Policy and Aims of the Southern Regional Council" and a list of its directors.

We failed to tell you in our letter that the people invited to participate are suggested by their own church boards. We are due thanks to Father Alexander O. Sigur, a member of our Executive Committee for giving us your name, suggested to him by Miss Margaret Mealey, President of the National Council of Catholic Women, Washington, D. C.

The theme of the Workshop this year is taken from the "first "Whereas" of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, "Recognition of the Inherent Dignity and of the Equal and Inalienable Rights of All Members of the Human Family Is the Foundation of Freedom, Justice and Peace in the World."

You know a workshop more or less builds itself. However, of course we will have discussion leaders and resource people. One thing we must do is to face our fears that beset us over the social changes that are here. The Catholic church has experienced integration and we need representatives of the

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National Council of Catholic Women to help the rest of us find the way to help our South prepare for obedience to the Supreme Court Decision.

On Friday of the Workshop we will try to find a way for observance of the Tenth Anniversary of The Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

We are looking forward to having you, or a representative of your group with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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September 29, 1958

Mrs. E. D. Smallwood
735 W. Broadway
Ocala, Florida

Dear Mrs. Smallwood:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 27. We regret very much that you will be unable to attend the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, however we will be glad to have Mrs. Thelma Newman attend. Please give her the necessary information and let us know if she plans to be with us.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET;lec

September 29, 1958

Dr. Evelyn Berry
49 Claremont Avenue - 6C
New York 27, New York

Dear Evelyn:

I think I could manage fifty dollars very well. I hope you will be with us as you have much to add to the meeting.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 29, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Dr. F. D. Patterson
President
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I was in Montgomery, Alabama, Saturday at a workshop of brave women of that state. I reached home at 1:30 a.m. Sunday morning not the least bit tired but felt "high and lifted up" so thrilling was that meeting. Now today, I am again "on the wings of the morning" for I have received your letter telling us you would be with us on the 16th and a long distance call from Dorothy Heights of the National YWCA that she would lead our discussion of ways that we here in our poor disturbed South may enter into the celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Surely "my cup runneth over."

Miss Junod was with us in Montgomery and was quite an asset.

Deeply grateful to you, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

September 29, 1958

The Church Peace Union
170 East 64th Street
New York 21, New York

Gentlemen:

Please enter our order for twenty copies of "In Your Hands - A Guide For Community Action" Tenth Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Please bill us and our check will follow. We need this for a workshop for October 10th.

We would appreciate your attention to this order.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

September 29, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

In preparing a leaflet on "Fear," mostly quoted from the Bible, I would like to have on the back page of the leaflet your paragraphs that deal with hate in your book, "The Southern Heritage." But I found the book is copyrighted and I cannot do it without your permission. What do you say?

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Same letter also sent to:

Mr. James McCrorey (Board of Police Commissioners)
Col. David McCandless (Southern Police Institute)

September 30, 1958

Dr. Louis Radelet
National Conference of Christians and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

Dear Lou:

I wonder if you are acquainted with William Kephart's Racial Factors and Urban Law Enforcement; University of Pennsylvania Press, 1957? We recently secured a copy and, after studying it, are giving consideration to distributing it to Chiefs of Police in the larger metropolitan centers of the South.

We would very much appreciate your evaluation of this book to aid us in our deliberations. Your experience, training, and information in this area of law enforcement would make your judgment most helpful. The informal comments we would hope for are not for publication but only to assist us in our consideration of distributing the book.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Same letter to:
Mrs. Charles F. Callahan
Mrs. Norman I. Boatwright
Mrs. Joseph Kuchle
Mrs. Charles J. Costner
Mrs. H. A. Beagle
Miss Mabel Dalzell
Mrs. George W. Bain
Mrs. Herbert Thatcher

September 30, 1958

Mrs. Thomas A. Ford, President
Mobile-Birmingham DCCW
74 North Reed Avenue
Mobile, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Ford:

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Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Director of Women's Work

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Enclosures:
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Aims of SPC; List of Directors

Blind copy to JC

September 30, 1958

Miss Grace Marr, Assistant Executive Secretary
Intergroup Relations
American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Grace:

Thank you for letting me know that the Nurses' Association is on our mailing list for New South. We will send you special reports from time to time.

In haste, but with warm regards,

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 30, 1958

Miss Louisa Messolonghites
Assistant to the Managing Editor
The Reporter
136 East 57th Street
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Messolonghites:

Thank you for your letter about the Morris-Timmerman correspondence and Arthur S. Miller's article in the current issue of The Reporter.

I am sorry The Reporter could not use the exchange of letters, but I realize that this is rather specialized material. We do expect to publish it in full, perhaps in our own monthly publication New South. But until such time as it is so published, we must treat the correspondence as completely confidential. Therefore, I think I had better ask you to return the copies to us.

I appreciate the extra copies of the October 2nd issue, which I can put to good use.

With best regards to you and to Phil Horton,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

I hasten to return the enclosed draft of your speech for the ADA Convention. I have read it with wholly favorable response, and I have filled in the blank spaces. This, then, can serve also as a reply to your letter of September 25th.

I have only two slight questions to raise. First, as to your criticism of the National Government's leadership. I share your view wholeheartedly, but I do feel that the ~~quiet~~, impressive leadership given by Attorney General Rogers and the Department of Justice in recent weeks perhaps deserves a little more favorable notice. Belated though it is, it's quite creditable.

Secondly, on page 5 you speak of "integrationists" as being more militant now than ever. Actually, most of the examples which you cite deal with the activities of people who would not describe themselves as integrationists. The Little Rock lawyers for example, made it quite clear that they were not advocating integration as such, but felt that the closing of the public schools was unworkable and intolerable. I suggest that on page 5 and in succeeding passages, you might want to find another label for these people who are using practical arguments urging the continuance of public education.

These are not major criticisms, and you may well prefer to leave the text as it stands.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enclosure - 1 (Manuscript "Progress in Desegregation...")

September 30, 1958

Dr. S. Joseph Fauman
Jewish Community Council
163 Madison Avenue
Detroit 26, Michigan

Dear Joe:

Congratulations on the new post at Eastern Michigan College. I know how pleased you must be to return to academic work.

My sincere best wishes on your return to campus life.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 30, 1958

Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
National Council Protestant
  Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Father Walmsley:

Thanks for your letter of September 26th in reply to my note commending the work of Neil Tarplee. Harold Fleming, our Executive Director, wrote another letter of commendation to Bishop Wilson Hunter at the suggestion of someone inside the church, whose name I don't have at hand.

I, too, regret my inability to attend the conference at Eaton a couple of weeks ago. I do indeed remember meeting you at Highlander the summer of 1956.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 30, 1958

Mrs. A. E. Hardison
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Hardison:

Many thanks for your welcome letter with the clippings, other enclosures, and the quarterly report.

I was much impressed with the good work you did in Memphis. The gentleman (and I use the word loosely) who wrote you is really quite confused, isn't he? We often get letters of this sort or even worse here at the office.

Whatever you decide to do please know that we are interested and would like to keep in touch with you.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

P. S. I am enclosing the clippings you sent.

September 30, 1958

Dr. Almon Pepper
National Council Protestant
  Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear "Pep:"

Thanks so much for checking into the matter of our church's support to SRC.

We are heartened by the news.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

September 30, 1958

Mr. J. Metz Rollins, Jr.
1710 Villa Place, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Rollins:

Reservations have been made for you at Atlanta University on the 9th and will be available on the 10th if you need to stay over. The meeting is scheduled to end at noon on the 10th.

We look forward to having you and Mr. Marion with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 30, 1958

Mr. John S. Greenfield
Haas-Howell Building
P. O. Box 2090
Atlanta 1, Georgia

Dear Mr. Greenfield:

Trust the enclosed is satisfactory.

Sorry this was not completed during my absence.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 7 (Accident Ins. Applications for: EFV, FBR, HCF, PA, JOHN HOPE; 2 copies of Preliminary Information and Specifications forms)

September 30, 1958

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Lincoln Park
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

No word to date from the New York office, but we are delighted to learn that you will be with us.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 30, 1958

Mr. Haskell L. Lazere
Director
American Jewish Congress
Room 906, Congress Building
111 N. E. 2nd Avenue
Miami 32, Florida

Dear Haskell:

Delighted to know you will be with us. Meeting will be held at Atlanta University.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

September 30, 1958

Mrs. Alice N. Spearman
Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human
   Relations
1745 Sumter Street
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Does the enclosed letter from F. W. Bradley have any significance for you.

Thought you would be interested.

Regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 30, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

I enjoyed our lunch together last week. In the course of our conversation, you expressed some interest in the series originated by the New Bedford *Standard-Times* and reprinted in some Southern newspapers. Enclosed are thermofaxed copies of these articles (only passably readable I'm afraid) and a copy of an editorial from the Richmond *Times-Dispatch* refuting the statements made about the Southern Regional Council.

We are working on a request to the Field Foundation which should be in your hands very soon.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

September 30, 1958

Mr. Edwin T. Randall
Friendly World Broadcasting
122 North Providence Road
Wallingford, Pennsylvania

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your letter and enclosures. With the benefit of this material, I will use every opportunity that comes my way to promote interest in your fine program.

I know how discouraging it is to encounter the stone wall of resistance that our philanthropic friends know so well how to erect. But I think you are wise to regard it as more a matter of habit and technique than a judgment on your particular project. I have encountered it enough myself to feel that this is true. Let's hope that we can break through.

I, too, enjoyed our conversation and will expect to be in touch with you again soon.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1958

Mr. Morris Hirsch
79 Peachtree Street
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

This is to acknowledge with warm thanks your contribution of $100.00 to the Southern Regional Council which Mr. Leonard Haas passed on to us.

Your continuing friendship and help mean a great deal to us. Such support from the right thinking people in one's own community conveys a very special benefit to an effort such as ours. I know George Mitchell, who has always valued your acquaintance very highly, will be glad to know of your generous contribution.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)
cc: Mr. Leonard Haas

September 30, 1958

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Suige 601
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

Many thanks for forwarding Mr. Hirsch's very welcome contribution to the Southern Regional Council. As I have tried to say in the attached letter to him, this local support is of very special value to us.

With appreciation and warm regards always,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

September 30, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Center
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Courtney:

Many thanks for keeping me up-to-date on our running battle in the columns of the News and Courier. Otherwise, I would not see what becomes of our forlorn efforts to defend our sacred honor. I am rather pleased that old Waring has evidently decided that it is the better part of discretion to publish our answers in full - even if he does get them rebutted almost before the ink is dry. I have no allusion that we can win this running battle, but I think it's well to let them know that we are not without some defense.

Hope y'all didn't get blown around too much by Helene.

All the best to you and Lib and off-spring, present and prospective.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1958

Dr. R. P. Perry
Mr. Gaius J. Slosser
Mr. Moses S. Belton
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, North Carolina

Gentlemen:

Thank you for your letter of September 22 inviting me to be a participant in the Human Relations Institute and Forum on April 7, 1959. I had heard something of the very promising plans for this program, and I shall be very happy to be a part of it.

I will be writing you about my travel plans sometime in the month preceding the meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

September 30, 1958

Mr. John Lassoe
NAIRO
152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508
New York 35, New York

Dear John:

Just a brief note in great haste - the proposed ammendments to the by-laws look good to me.

Rushed,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

Daily File

SRC Newsletter

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC. 63 Auburn, N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

August-September, 1958

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 1959

An SRC memo has recently gone out to state organizations regarding requests-for-aid for 1959. This memo should receive your careful consideration. Lest there be any misgivings, let it be noted that the allocation to the state organizations for the remaining quarter of 1958 is assured unless some unforseen development in a state organization makes it unwise or impossible--a most unlikely occurrence.

NEW STATE ORGANIZATION STAFF

The Virginia Council employed Paul Rilling as Executive Director, effective August first. Paul will be remembered by many of you as the former Director of the YMCA's Regional Student Leadership Project. New address of the Virginia Council:

216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

The Tennessee Council employed John Pate as Executive Director, effective September first. John has a background in public school administration; he's originally from Memphis. Address of the Tennessee Council:

416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

The Arkansas Council employed John W. Walker as Associate Director, effective August fifteenth. John has been active in the student movement and is a graduate of Arkansas A.M. & N. College. Mrs. Velma Powell has returned to the staff as Secretary and Program Assistant. Address of the Arkansas Council:

1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALABAMA

The Alabama Council on Human Relations receives a real compliment from Martin Luther King, Jr. in his forthcoming book, STRIDE TOWARD FREEDOM. Congratulations to Bob Hughes and the Alabama Council.

PRESBYS CAPTURE MARION!

Dr. John H. Marion, formerly Executive Director of the Virginia

Council on Human Relations, has accepted a post with the Boards of Christian Education and National Missions of the United Presbyterian Church in the USA. Jack will serve as a specialist in human relations. He will make his headquarters in Nashville after the first of the year. He will work with pastors and laymen throughout the South.

SRC PRESIDENT ON THE MIKE WALLACE SHOW

James McBride Dabbs, President of the Southern Regional Council, was interviewed by Mike Wallace. This program appeared on many television stations throughout the nation (including the South) on Sunday, August 31. Let us know if you hear of any reactions. SRC will later have copies of the printed transcript.

PROGRAM POSSIBILITIES

We have sent you a copy of the August 21st editorial from the Richmond Times-Dispatch which answers the scurilous charges made in the New Bedford, Massachusetts Standard-Times series that SRC was communist founded and dominated. This has been sent to every Southern newspaper we know of which ran the series. Should you want to distribute this piece to your Board or to key persons in your state, we can supply you with additional copies.

The church ladies in Houston, Texas, are sticking gummed-labels on the checks with which they pay their bills, indicating they are for merit employment. This is a gentle reminder to department stores, public utilities, banks, etc., that there are substantial people who favor employment on merit.

Despite some more recent casual remarks which were unhelpful, the formal statement of the President, made at his Press Conference of August 20, can be used to good effect. He reiterated the responsibilities of the Federal Government in carrying out federal court orders. A distribution of this statement to key people in your state might be helpful.

More and more it becomes evident that advance community planning is the key to peaceful school desegregation. Listed below are six good reference sources, some of which SRC has supplied you:

Grambs, Jean D.; EDUCATION IN A TRANSITION COMMUNITY; NCCJ Pamphlet; undated.

Hill & Greenberg; CITIZENS GUIDE TO DESEGREGATION; Beacon Press; 1955.

Hillman, Arthur; COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION & PLANNING; Macmillan; 1950.

Hunter, Floyd; COMMUNITY POWER STRUCTURE: Chapel Hill Press; 1953.

Sanders, Irwin T.; MAKING GOOD COMMUNITIES BETTER; U. of Ky. Press; 1953.

Warren, Roland L.; STUDYING YOUR COMMUNITY; Russell Sage Foundation; 1955.

October 1, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Here is a copy of the request to the Field Foundation, mailed today. I have no idea whether we are in bounds or not, but time will tell.

Thanks again for your help and support in this most important (to us) push.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2 (Field Foundation Request; Financial Analysis)

October 1, 1958

Mr. Harry W. Ernst
Charleston Gazette
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Thought you might be interested in an editorial from a newspaper in the other Charleston concerning your ~~editorial~~ article we reprinted. This is not the first time we have had a lot of sour grapes from the News and Courier.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

October 1, 1958

Mr. David Kirk
C. F. Vigor High School
North Wilson Avenue
Prichard, Alabama

Dear Mr. Kirk:

Your letter concerning a film on the integrationist viewpoint is being referred to the Anti-Defamation League here in Atlanta. They have two films of this nature which they distribute for our office. They are mailing you one of these film for your use. The charge is $1.50 for handling, but the ADL office will send you particulars.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 1, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Hold, MacDuff!

We now have more than a gracious plenty of reviews of President Dabbs' "The Southern Heritage." It is indeed pleasing to see so many reviews of the book, Mr. Dabbs, and extra pleasing that the bulk of them are very favorable. What we have done is to include mostly Southern ones in our piece for New South. I will be mailing the ones you want back as soon as New South is put to bed, and I am certain that I will no longer need to refer back to the original copies.

I have written Miss Height and I am sending her some material including a copy of "The Southern Heritage" for display at her November meeting. I agree with you that you are an "exhibit of the Southern Regional Council" and an excellent one at that.

With very best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 1, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National Board YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

Mr. Dabbs has passed your letter on to me and has asked me to fill your request concerning display material of the Southern Regional Council. We are sending you, under separate cover, copies of some of our material we believe suitable for display. We are also sending you a quantity of our Publication Listings for your use.

Included in the packet is a copy of Mr. Dabbs' book, "The Southern Heritage." We think this represents a good display piece; and since Mr. Dabbs is the president of the Council, we hope you will see fit to include it in any display of material from the Southern Regional Council.

If we can be of additional help, please do not hesitate to write.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Materials sent:

"The Southern Heritage"
NEW SOUTH - January - September 1958
Next Steps In the South
Three Views
What the Supreme Court Said
The Negro Voter
Changing Patterns
Special Reports:
    State vs. Federal Authority in Virginia
    The Move to Disenfranchise The Negro Voter
    Little Rock: A Look at the Record
    Pro-Segregation Groups in the South
Publication Listings (25)
Reprints:
    Congressional Record of SRC
    The Easy Chair
    Segregation Costs
    The Southern Negro: Change and Paradox
    How Southern Conf. of Race Leaders Became Standing Goodwill Group

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

October 1, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Professional Staff

From: FBR

Re: Greater Atlanta Council Executive Committee meeting, Friday, September 26, 1958

Those present included Ed Cahill, Chairman; Rabbi Rothschild, Frances Pauley, Fern Stanley, Mrs. Knox, Whitney Young, Ed Weaver, Dr. Peters, Nan Pendergrast, Sam Williams, Lamar Clements, Rev. Lightfoot, Tom Hargrave, Mr. Cowart, Miss Williams (A. U. graduate student), and Fred Routh.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rabbi Rothschild.

The minutes of the last meeting, read by Frances Pauley, were amended and approved.

Whitney Young reported on efforts to have Eastern and Delta airlines remove discriminatory signs on the restrooms at the airport. This has been accomplished. Mrs. Knox will write appropriate people.

The Greater Atlanta Council has taken an organizational membership in the local AAUN. They will attend the meetings of the association which are held at the library.

It was reported that Mrs. James Davis - wife of "our" Congressman - is organizing for the Minute Women.

There was discussion concerning the plans of the state government to open vocational training schools. It was noted that no mention was made of Negroes. Discrete inquiry will be made into the matter for this presents a dilemma: If it is called to the state's attention and they provide Negro schools this will perpetuate segregation; if they do not, no facilities may be provided for Negroes.

The nominating committee's report recommended the re-nomination of current officers and asked that names be submitted to fill six vacancies on the Board.

The annual meeting will be held in November - it was noted that the Georgia Council's annual meeting will be held October 31st at Macon.

A finance drive will take place in the Atlanta area from Tuesday, October 14-31.

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October 1, 1958

Mr. Owen R. Easley, Jr.
1731 Barron Street
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Mr. Easley:

Thank you for your letter concerning STATE vs FEDERAL AUTHORITY IN VIRGINIA.

We are mailing you a copy of this plus a copy of a report we did on Little Rock. These we are mailing free of charge.

Also enclosed is our publication list which includes a description of our monthly magazine NEW SOUTH.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

October 1, 1958

Commission on Civil Rights
726 Jackson Place, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Is it possible to let us have two hundred copies of the leaflet "The Commission On Civil Rights," What It Is, How It Operates, What It Must Do, What It Can Do, What You Can Do? If so, we would certainly appreciate your forwarding them to us. If there are charges, please advise and a check will follow.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 1, 1958

Mr. Edward Fishman
880 Hudson Boulevard, Apt. 102
Bayonne, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Fishman:

Your letter to Dr. George S. Mitchell has been referred to me. Dr. Mitchell has retired and now lives in Scotland.

We are much impressed with your background, both academically and experience-wise. Unfortunately, we have no openings in the central staff at the present time. I would suggest you write John Lassoe, the executive secretary of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 152 West 42nd Street, Room 1508, New York 36, New York. NAIRO maintains a list of professionals seeking positions and of openings with agencies. I only wish that we could make use of your services.

If we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to write.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

October 1, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: SRC staff

From: FBR

I will be in Virginia for the remainder of the week - October 1-3 - and should be back in town over the weekend.

Should you need to contact me, I may be reached through the Virginia Council office or by getting in touch with Paul Rilling.

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October 1, 1958

Dr. Louise Young, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise Young:

Certainly glad to hear that you have accepted the offer of the Tennessee Council on Human Relations to become their Executive Director. The organization has great potentialities but has been torn with indecision in spite of the good people on the Board. Under your sure and steady hand we look forward to some real progress in tightening the organizational structure and getting a meaningful program under way.

The enthusiasm of the Board to move ahead, described by Dr. A. C. Miller, is heartening indeed. With the enthusiastic support of your Board I am confident that great things can be done in the Volunteer State.

After things have shaken down a bit we would welcome a visit from you at our offices here in Atlanta. We are anxious to be of assistance in every way possible. Please feel free to call on us at any time.

With every good wish in the new enterprise, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls
c. c. A. C. Miller
Walter Sharp

October 1, 1958

Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

A number of persons associated with the Council, members of the Board and others, have expressed an interest in securing Mr. Dabbs' book, The Southern Heritage through the Council; thereby taking advantage of the 40% discount which you allowed us on our recent order.

At several times in the past, under similar circumstances, we have arranged with various publishers to receive books on consignment. Would it be possible for us to make such an arrangement with Knopf? If so, we would like to have one hundred copies of Mr. Dabbs' book for sale as the occasion arises.

Would you please let us know whether or not this arrangement is possible, and what conditions would be required by you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

REQUEST TO THE FIELD FOUNDATION FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

October 2, 1958

Within recent years, the Field Foundation has made annual grants ranging from $1,500 to $10,000 in support of special projects of the Southern Regional Council. This support has greatly benefited the program of the Council, and we are deeply appreciative.

For 1959 we ask that the Field Foundation consider aid to the Council on a larger scale and on different terms than heretofore. Specifically, we should like to request an annual grant of $40,000 for general support, renewable in the same amount for two succeeding years.

We are fully aware that a requested grant of this size, representing a marked departure from earlier practice, calls for special justification. Following, in brief, are our grounds for hope that such a grant may be favorably considered.

The current crisis in Southern race relations is the most acute since the end of Reconstruction. Not only is the welfare of the South at stake, but the welfare of the whole Nation, in domestic and international terms. This point need not be labored for the Trustees of the Field Foundation; but we do want to give it emphatic mention, since it is basic to this request.

The Southern Regional Council has unique responsibilities and opportunities in this critical situation. The Council and its associated state and local groups provide one of the very few channels through which whites and Negroes of the region can work together in mutual confidence. As the successor to the old Interracial Commission, the Council draws on forty years of experience and reputation in race relations. It has a seasoned staff and a respected board -- both interracial and both composed of Southerners. Aside from these formal qualifications, we can testify from daily experience to the large and increasing demands for the services of this organization. While we often feel inadequate in the face of such vast problems, we are convinced that the Council has shown steady growth in skill and effectiveness in the recent, critical years. And we believe most informed persons would agree that there is no comparable instrument through which positive efforts by Southerners of both races can be carried on.

It has been said that an organization like the Council would be more effective if it secured its financial support within the South. This may well be true, but the point is a theoretical one. No organization working meaningfully for change in the racial status quo can hope to raise an adequate budget within the South. This conclusion is supported not only by the experience of the Council, but by that of every other organization we know of. It should also be pointed out that the Council has voluntarily left such local sources as exist to the various State councils on Human Relations which it created and continues to assist. Any assessment of Southern support of this movement should take into account the funds raised locally by the state councils -- amounting in the past four years to approximately $150,000.

The Council has received major assistance from the Fund for the Republic. As the attached financial analysis makes clear, however, this support will diminish sharply in the next two years and will cease entirely after 1960. Of the Fund for the Republic's 1957 terminal grant, $100,000 will remain at the end of 1958. Sixty thousand of this will be available for the general support of the Council in 1959, and the remaining $40,000 in 1960. If the Council is to maintain its present level of operation, the steep decline in this support must be made up, over and above the sizable fund-raising task which has existed even at the peak of Fund for the Republic assistance.

A fair number of foundations will consider support to projects. (As the attached financial analysis shows, more than forty per cent of the Council's expectable income for 1959 is in this category.) But few will consider general support. As George Mitchell once put it, in typically colorful fashion, "A good many will help you grow a rose, but precious few will water the main stem." To attract and hold able staff members, to meet opportunities and crises as they arise, the Council's greatest need is for grants in support of the total operation, renewable for three to five years. It is our honest conviction that support on this basis yields, dollar for dollar, far more fruitful program results than narrowly earmarked grants. Since the activities of the Council were rather fully summarized in our recent program report (additional copy attached), we will forego a detailed account here. But it may be appropriate to describe briefly the main functions that must be carried on with general support, as follows:

(1) Administration and overhead. There would be no program at all, of course, if the Council could not maintain an effective professional and clerical staff, carry on promotion and fund-raising, combat public attacks by the organized segregationists, and so on.

(2) Public information. All of the Council's information functions are dependent on general support -- the monthly publication New South, special reports, work with the press and other media, the handling of thousands of information requests from community leaders and organizations, and the maintenance of the reference files on which these activities depend.

(3) Financial and program aid to state and local Councils on Human Relations. These councils, which in many areas are the only vehicles for communication and cooperation by whites and Negroes, could hardly survive without the services and financial assistance of the Council.

(4) Work with government agencies. The Council is in a strategic position to advise and strengthen the performance of those official agencies with responsibilities in the field of civil rights -- e. g., the Commission on Civil Rights, the Department of Justice, the President's Committee on Government Contracts.

(5) Services to foreign visitors. The Council now plays host to more than 100 influential foreign leaders a year. Through the Council, they get a view of the South that serves, as nothing else could, to offset the damaging effects of propaganda and adverse publicity abroad.

(6) Assistance to beleaguered individuals and groups. As our program reports have pointed out, the emotionalism of Southern resistance to desegregation has led to increasing pressures and reprisals against liberals and moderates, white and Negro. The Council is one of the very few organizations in the South to which they can turn for advice and help.

Few of the larger foundations are inclined to support organized efforts in so "controversial" a field as race relations, particularly in the South. The Field Foundation is a courageous exception. If this request seems to presume unduly on the Foundation's generosity, it is for that reason.

Copy of proposal and financial analysis sent to
Vernon A. Eagle, New World Foundation

VIA AIR MAIL October 1, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
Executive Vice-President
The Field Foundation
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Enclosed is our request to the Field Foundation for financial assistance in 1959 and possibly for two succeeding years. Please call on us for any further information that may be appropriate.

The amount requested may be out of proportion to the available resources and existing commitments of the Foundation. If so, I need hardly say that we will appreciate consideration of so much of the requested amount as may be practicable.

We are most grateful for this opportunity to put the needs of the Council before the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

2 Requests for Aid
2 Financial Analyses
~~1 Midsummer Report of Program Activities~~

October 2, 1958

Rev. Caxton Doggett
The Methodist Church
125 North Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear ~~Rev.~~ Mr. Doggett:

On my return from a trip to Alabama I found your gracious letter awaiting me. We are delighted to know that you will be with us at our Workshop, Kresge Hall, Clark College to lead us in our opening worship service at 11 a. m. on October 16th.

The expense of the trip doesn't matter, we just want you with us. Yes, there will be Jews present but we never do eliminate Christian references but that is with you. We will have a Rabbi with us on that same day and I am sure he will speak from The Old Testament in the panel on "FEAR" that he is to lead.

We are sending Mrs. Doggett an official invitation and we hope she will be able to stay the full time.

We were interested in Orlando's reaction to Roy Harris' speech and we hope you will send us clippings.

Deeply grateful to you in accepting our call to lead us in our worship.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET/bcc

Same letter sent to Executive Directors of each State Council

October 2, 1958

Dr. Louise Young, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Young:

Enclosed is a copy of the transcript of the recent Mike Wallace interview show on which Mr. Dabbs appeared.

Under separate cover we are sending you fifty (50) copies for such use as you may want to make of them. More are available if needed.

Regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls
Enclosure

October 2, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear ~~Mr. Peters~~ Bill:

Nothing seems to be simple in this mixed-up world. There are some complications about our list of agencies which are only partly remedied by the revisions made on the enclosed copy. To wit:

(1) Our list was not necessarily meant to be comprehensive; its original purpose was to serve as a directory of those groups participating in the informal and off-the-record interagency meetings held in the South. Most of the groups have regional staff members in the South working, to some degree, on human relations programs. Some of the groups have no full-time staff based in the South, buth through national staffers or lay leaders carry on activities in the region.

(2) Except for the state Councils on Human Relations and one state Council of Churches, our list does not include state and local organizations -- only those regional in scope. Thus local Urban Leagues, YWCAs, Catholic Interracial Councils, etc., are not listed.

(3) Characterizing the list as it stands is a bit tricky. Not all of the groups would want to be described as pro-integration, pro-desegregation, or even as being primarily engaged in race relations.

This is one reason why the interagency meetings are off-the-record and confidential.

(4) A complete list of organizations concerned with human relations would have to include a good many more national groups -- religious, youth-serving, unions, private and official intergroup relations bodies, CORE, FOR, etc., etc. Arnold Aronson of the National Community Relations Advisory Council (who serves as secretary of an informal national coordinating effort called the Consultative Conference on Desegregation) is supposed to be compiling a comprehensive list; but if he has one available, it too should be approached with caution.

(5) Practically everybody who does anything in this field is attacked as "leftwing," of course. But all of the organizations on our list are, in my opinion, completely defensible. Groups like the Southern Conference Educational Fund and Highlander Folk School are viewed by many as less easily defended; but a public listing such as you contemplate that failed to include them would certainly be protested. Perhaps such a protest would be justified, since, whatever one thinks of them,these organizations do exist and are active in the field of race relations. Again, I think the answer must lie in how you characterize your list.

I'm sorry to give you such a dismally complicated answer, but these are factors I think you should take into account. You are certainly free to draw on our list, but you will have to go beyond it and I would prefer to let any "credit" go.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Circulate - Reading file

594 University Place, N.W.
Atlanta 14, Georgia
October 2,1958

Dear Friends:

I am writing to ask that you give the same fine cooperation to the 1958 Chairman of the Social Agencies Committee which you have given me for so many years to the end that the Negro Division may meet its quota, and the splendid work done by our Social Agencies may not be limited by lack of necessary funds.

In a few days, Mrs. Margaret Davis Bowen or some of her workers will be calling you to ask for your pledges. I feel confident that you will encourage your staff and that you will, yourself make larger pledges this year, to the end that we may meet the goal set for our section as we always have done in the past.

Although I will not be actively participating this year because of my health, I will be with you in heart and spirit as I have been for the last thirty-two years.

Sincerely yours,
Nellie M. Towns
(Mrs.) Nellie M. Towns

NMT/meh

October 2, 1958

Mrs. Wilma Dykeman Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Stokely:

Many thanks for your letter of commiseration and encouragement. I have no illusion that we can win any battle in the columns of the News and Courier. But it may help the morale of good, despairing folks to demonstrate that groups like ours are not without some effective counter-arguments - which we are willing to use. I know it helps my morale when others do this.

I commend your wisdom in reading the News and Courier in order to keep your awareness of original sin clear and sharp.

I am still hoping that one of these days we will have a chance to get together. Meanwhile, the very best to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 2, 1958

Miss Elizabeth B. Coleman
Washington Representative
National Consumers League
1025 Vermont Avenue, N. W.
Room 716
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Coleman:

Your letter inquiring about Miss Lucy Randolph Mason has come to my attention. After a long and fruitful career, with which you are familiar, several years ago Miss Lucy's age and failing health took their toll. She has been for some time in a private nursing home. It is unfortunate that this information didn't reach you long before, so that you could have retired her name to your inactive list.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 3, 1958

Reverend Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218 Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Since we have not had any additional requests for "South Carolinians Speak," we have decided to send you the additional five hundred you requested. They will reach you in the mail within the next few days.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 3, 1958

Circulation Department
Chicago Daily News
400 West Madison Street
Chicago 6, Illinois

Dear Sirs:

We understand your newspaper is running a series of articles by Samuel Lubell. The third of these articles appeared on October 1. We would like to obtain a copy of the papers in which each of these articles appeared.

Please bill us for any cost.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 3, 1958

Mr. Edward B. Orr
Editorial Writer
The Christian Science Monitor
1 Norway Street
Boston 15, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Orr:

The prospect of resuming our conversation of two years ago is most welcome. Except for a hasty trip on Friday and Saturday, the 7th and 8th, I expect to be in Atlanta in early November.

I should also mention that our board will be meeting from noon on November 10 through November 11. While this means I will be out of action for that period, it might also mean a possibility of your meeting Mr. Dabbs in Atlanta, your schedule permitting. He might well be able to come over half-a-day early or stay over after the meeting to see you. Otherwise, I know of nothing that will bring him to Atlanta in early November, but I'm sure he would be happy to have you visit him at home.

Do make a special effort to pay us a visit on whatever day you can. I shall look forward to further word.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: Mimeo'd Bd. List
Cong. Record Reprint
1958 Financial Analysis
Midsummer Report - 1958
Lin Holloway's Journal & Guide Reprint - dtd. May 31, 1958
Popham's N. Y. Times Reprint - dtd. 12/25/57

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY October 3, 1958

Mr. Lloyd K. Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Many thanks for your welcome telegram, which arrived this morning.

Enclosed are various materials describing the Council's history, current activities, and financial status. This may well be more detail than you will want to use, but I thought it best to risk erring on the side of too much rather than too little.

Your thoughtfulness in putting the Council's needs before a potential donor means a great deal to us, and we are warmly grateful.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 3, 1958

Mr. Edwin J. Lukas
American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Ed:

Thanks for the copy of Mr. Krivoff's letter to Mr. Lewin of the Standard-Times. It is a very persuasive rebuttal to the Simmons series.

So far as I know, the Standard-Times has not responsed to any comment on the series. It will be interesting to see if there is any reaction to Mr. Krivoff's letter.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 6, 1958

Mrs. Robert L. Wilcox
Secretary of Christian Social Relations
The Methodist Church
2205 Old Knoxville Highway
Maryville, Tennessee

Dear Mrs. Wilcox:

Enclosed is the information you requested in your letter of October 4, to Mrs. Tilly.

Sincerely,

Luel E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. M. E. Tilly

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ALA.- Mrs. W. C. Carter, Prattville, (yes)

FLA.-Mrs. Thomas Richards, Jr., West Palm Beach, (impossible to come) We wrote to Mrs. Weems but no reply

HOLSTON-Mrs. Broughton Hutchins, Kingsport, (no reply)

KY.-Mrs. Rees, (No, ill) substitute Mrs. Minerva McDaniel

LOUISVILLE-Mrs. Paul Powell (yes)

MISS.-Mrs. J. W. Patrick (no answer)

N. ALA.-Mrs. Herbert Stewart (no answer) Wrote Mrs. Jackson, no reply as yet

N.C.-Mrs. S. W. Anderson (substitute)

N. GA.-Mrs. D. M. Howard (yes)

N. MISS.-Mrs. J. G. Carpenter, Water Valley (no answer)

S.C.-Mrs. H. S. Howie (Impossible to come, Mrs. Clark says she is to speak at her WSCS)

S. GA.-Mrs. Bragg (No reply, sent second letter)

TENN.-Mrs. Horace Williams (yes)

VA.-Mrs. William Smith (substitute, Mrs. Raymond Musser)

W. N. C.-Mrs. Leslie Barnhardt (yes)

MEMPHIS-Mrs. Jack Frost (No reply)

VIA AIR MAIL October 6, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Enclosed is a request for $10,000 grant to be used as a contingency fund by the Southern Regional Council.

I will be more than happy to abide by your judgment as to whether or not it should be submitted to your board. The thing that bothers me most is the risk of SRC appearing to want to set itself up as a sub-foundation. Actually, administering such a fund conscientiously will impose a more than ordinary responsibility. If there is no better way for it to be met, I think SRC should be willing to take on the job; but I am not complacent about it.

If you decide that this approach is better abandoned, perhaps we can eventually come up with a workable alternative. I'm convinced that some device for meeting these contingencies will be needed, at least for several years to come.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

A PROPOSAL
TO THE NEW WORLD FOUNDATION
FROM THE SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL

October 6, 1958

As racial crises have multiplied in the South, the demand for positive efforts on an emergency basis has grown increasingly acute. We have become keenly aware of the special financial needs which this situation creates. Again and again, a relatively small amount is needed on short notice to make possible a strategically valuable effort. The usual fund-raising methods do not serve to meet these needs, since action often must be taken within a matter of days, or even hours.

In order to relieve this problem at a critical time in the South, we ask the New World Foundation to consider a special grant of $10,000 to the Southern Regional Council. This amount, if granted, would constitute a contingency fund from which urgent program efforts might be assisted. The Southern Regional Council would see its role as that of administrator of the fund. The Council would carefully investigate the needs that arose, would make such disbursements as seemed justified, and would report fully to the Foundation on the purposes and results of each disbursement.

We wish to emphasize that no part of this grant would be spent in support of the general budgets or ongoing programs of the Council or any other organization. It would be devoted exclusively to emergency projects for which no other support was available. Proper precautions would be taken to assure that the funds were spent only for purposes consistent with tax-exemption.

It is impossible, of course, to specify in advance the precise uses to which this grant would be put. On the basis of recent experiences, however, it is possible to define the types of needs which may be anticipated.

Efforts by Religious Groups.

A wide variety of religious organizations in the South are committed to positive positions on desegregation, law and order, and maintenance of the public schools. Included are the denominational social action departments, state and local chapters of the United Church Women, state and local councils of churches, ministerial associations, and others. Almost without exception, these are low-budget groups with little or no staff. Yet, as we have seen in the present crisis over school desegregation, they can play a uniquely influential role in their states and communities. This influence could be expanded if a contingency fund were available for such activities as the following:

(1) Printing and distribution of effective statements. For example, the pronouncement of the eighty Atlanta ministers, widely emulated over the South; resolutions by the clergy urging reopening of the public schools in Norfolk and Front Royal, Virginia; the Birmingham statement deploring the bombing of Negro churches and homes, and so on. The Southern Regional Council and other organizations have occasionally been able to finance the publication and dissemination of such important statements, but much more could and should be done.

(2) Conferences of religious leadership. Several of the religious and human relations agencies have considered the desirability of a Southwide inter-faith or inter-denominational meeting of ministers and lay leaders at a strategic time. There is also some discussion of a possible statewide conference in Virginia. When and if such conferences are planned by a sufficiently representative group of religious leaders, one of the problems will be securing funds for the overnight accommodation of participants. Ideally, the church groups themselves should bear such expenses; but in practice their funds are too limited or their budgets too inflexible to permit this. At the very least, the availability of a modest amount for this purpose would enhance the likelihood of such concerted action.

(3) Special travel. Occasionally, situations arise which call for visits to a trouble spot by a particular religious leader. For example, when Koinonia Farm was under siege by local forces in and around Americus, Georgia, a prominent Southern Baptist minister went to the area to counsel with community leaders. Similarly, a courageous statement on the Koinonia situation was prepared and given statewide distribution by the United Church Women of Georgia. Without special financial resources, these efforts -- and others like them in the future -- would go by default.

Interagency Cooperation

Approximately thirty organizations with Southern programs now meet quarterly in Atlanta for exchange of information and joint planning of human relations activities. Ideas for special information or field activities frequently result -- and as frequently go by the board for lack of funds. Again, the problem is that the financial status of these organizations prohibits support of many unbudgeted special projects. The proposed contingency fund would make possible some joint preparation and distribution of especially useful materials, fact-finding, and concerted field activities in key communities.

Moreover, these agencies frequently find themselves confronted with cases of injustice or hardship growing out of racial tension. For example, the Terrell County, Georgia, case involving police brutality and voter discrimination first became known to several of these groups, including the Southern Regional Council. The expense and difficulty involved in getting the story out and protecting the interests of the individual Negroes affected, were substantial.

A related case was that of Jerry Wilson, the "$1.95 bandit" of Montgomery, Alabama, who was sentenced to death for his crime, clearly on racial grounds. At SRC's request (and expense) the director of the Alabama Council on Human Relations undertook the travel, telephoning, and negotiations essential to getting this case in trustworthy legal hands. Neither SRC nor most similar organizations have special funds for such emergency services. If, as seems likely, such cases continue to increase, the contingency fund proposed, or something like it, will be sorely needed.

Ad Hoc Citizens Groups

The conflict between court-ordered desegregation and state resistance -- as currently witnessed in Virginia and Arkansas -- leads inevitably to crisis in the affected communities. While some citizens will organize in advance to work for compliance or preservation of public education, the most influential "moderates" do so only when the emergency is at hand. We may expect this pattern to continue as desegregation orders are handed down in more of the resistant states. As ad hoc groups, these citizens committees to preserve the schools, to maintain law and order, and so on, have neither staff nor funds. Often, they must have the quiet assistance of established organizations in order to take speedy and effective action. Newspaper advertisements, printed material, radio and television time, part-time professional services all cost money. We foresee a good many important opportunities of this kind which will require the existence of contingency funds.

We realize that a request of this kind is unorthodox, from the point of view both of the Foundation and of the Southern Regional Council. We should much prefer a more conventional approach to the problems and opportunities discussed above. But the situation itself is both unorthodox and critical, and we think of no established procedure which would meet the need.

Because of its coordinating and clearinghouse functions and its cooperative relationship with a wide variety of concerned organizations and individuals, we feel the Southern Regional Council is a logical group to undertake this responsibility.

We appreciate the Foundation's consideration of this request and will gladly supply any further information that may be required.

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October 7, 1958

Mr. David B. Eddy
Route 2, Box 5
Wadley, Alabama

Dear David:

The stock certificate for 10 shares of Grumman Aircraft have arrived. Before proceeding with the sale and remittance to the Alabama Council, however, I feel I should clear up one point with you. The stock has been transferred to my name -- simply Harold C. Fleming; no organizational designation is shown on the certificate.

If you are going to show this gift as a contribution on your tax return, this transfer might later cause trouble. While I will handle this as a contribution to SRC, earmarked for the Alabama Council, technically the transfer records will indicate it simply as a gift to me.

Would you like me to return the certificate to Mr. Wise at MLPFS here and ask him to revise the transfer according to your forthcoming instructions -- that is, to SRC? Or should I carry through the transaction as it now stands?

I will await word from you. Meanwhile, all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 7, 1958

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter to Mr. Fleming of October 3, 1958, transmitting the William C. Whitney Foundation's check in the amount of $2,500.00, representing the second and final instalment of their $5,000.00 grant to the Council for 1958.

Enclosed is the Foundation's receipt signed as requested.

Again our thanks for this generous contribution toward the work of the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure (Receipt)

October 7, 1958

Mrs. Lois L. Reeves
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Reeves:

We are counting on you to lead the worship service at the beginning of our afternoon session on October 16. You will remember that I discussed it with you and asked you to give the first part of what you gave at Montgomery.

Please wire me collect so we may know definitely whether of not to put your name on the program.

Here is hoping you are coming.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 7, 1958

Mrs. Paul S. Powell
1417 Locust Street
Owensboro, Kentucky

Dear Mrs. Powell:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 4th to Mrs. Tilly. Your reservation had been made at Clark College as you requested.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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October 7, 1958

Mr. Talbot D'Alemberte
204 Buckingham Palace Road
London, England

Dear Mr. D'Alemberte:

We received today your letter of October second and the accompanying NEW SOUTH subscription. You should receive the first issue in the very near future. You may become a member of the Florida Council on Human Relations by payment of a $3.00 membership fee to that organization (213 N. E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida). Please mention in your correspondence with the Florida Council that you do not wish to subscribe to NEW SOUTH since you receive it through the Southern Regional Council.

In answer to your request for basic statistical information on the race problem, we are forwarding under separate cover a copy of Ashmore's The Negro and the Schools, which contains some limited statistical data. You might also wish to order the following two books from their publishers; their coverage of statistical information is more complete:

(1) Public Education in the South Today and Tomorrow (A Statistical Survey) edited by Ernst W. Swanson and John A Griffin, University of North Carolina Press, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1955. $5.00.
(A handbook of basic data on "economic and population factors relating to the Southern school problem.")

(2) This Changing South, John M. Maclachlan and Joe S. Floyd, University of Florida Press, Gainesville, Florida, 1956. $4.00.
("A comprehensive analysis of population trends within the Southern region...an analysis is made of developments in the southern labor force, and changes in southern population are related to income...")

If there are any specific statistics not covered in these books that you need, we will attempt to provide them if you write us.

We hope this material will prove helpful.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

October 8, 1958

Mr. Hal Skinner
Audio-Visual Center
Division of University Extension
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana

Dear Mr. Skinner:

Thanks for sending me "The Constitution and Employment Standards" and "Voting Proceedures" for preview. They were both good films and I was glad to have an opportunity to see them.

I am sorry that the films were late in getting to you. It might be helpful to you, for further scheduling, to know that the films did not reach me until late on Thursday, September 25th. This did occasion some further delay in previewing the films. But, again, our appreciation for supplying the films to us.

Sincerely yours,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

October 8, 1958

AIR MAIL

Mr. Ray Farabee
National Student Association
3457 Chestnut Street
Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Farabee:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of October 2nd to Mr. Routh. Because of an illness in his family, Mr. Routh is presently in Canada. We had hoped that he would be returning to the office today but the seriousness of his relative's illness is such that Mr. Routh's return is at present indefinite.

Your letter will be called to Mr. Routh's attention upon his return to the office. However, since you had requested a reply by October 8-9, I thought it appropriate to explain what has occasioned his delay in writing you.

Sincerely yours,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

October 8, 1958

Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

Pursuant to your letter of October 3, would you please let this letter constitute our purchase order for 100 copies, on consignment, of Mr. Dabbs' book, The Southern Heritage. We will send you a report and payment at the end of each month on the number of copies sold.

Thank you for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
JAckson 2-8764

HAROLD C. FLEMING
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

October 8, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: State Councils on Human Relations

From: Emory F. Via

Re: Display at Annual Meeting of SRC

The SRC annual meeting will be held November 11th. For this meeting and perhaps for future use we are preparing an exhibit to give some visual presentation of the work of the Council and the state groups.

We would like to have from you by October 24th such materials from your group as would be suitable for display. The following are some suggestions:

1. Any promotional brochure or pamphlet about your group.
2. Reprints of commendation from press, periodicals, or books. Letters of commendation (limited).
3. Photographs of activities of personnel. Office photos.
4. Brief descriptions of major or unusual activities which might lend themselves to visual presentation either by sketches (by us) or printed materials.
5. Annual program reports.
6. You may wish to categorize your materials as follows: (a) those for display to the Board of the Council only, and (b) those for any public purpose sanctioned by SRC.

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October 8, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Delegates to Southern Labor School

From: Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

Enclosed are the two pamphlets which we discussed in class at the recent Southern Labor School. The pamphlets are "Sense and Nonsense About Race" and "Prejudiced - How Do People Get That Way?" Each pamphlet is by an expert in his field. The first summarizes what is known about race in terms of anthropology, biology, and psychology. It is scientifically reliable. The second pamphlet deals with the psychology of prejudice, what prejudice does to individuals, and how it affects human relations.

You will remember that we thought these materials would be useful: (1) in supplying factual information; (2) in providing a basis for understanding others in their racial attitudes; (3) in aiding us in our understanding of ourselves; (4) in supplying information useful in refuting the exaggerated and often hot-headed claims of those who engage in race baiting; (5) in providing a guide for aiding others who wish to increase their understanding in these areas. I feel you will find some of this information valuable in all of your dealings with people - whether race is a factor or not - since it brings to light some important principles of psychology and human relations.

Let me know if there are any other materials which would be useful to you. In the meantime, I am preparing a summary of some of the suggestions of "things to do to ease racial tensions," which I will send you in the near future.

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October 8, 1958

Mr. Robert Ozanne, Director
School for Workers
University Extension Division
University of Wisconsin
Madison 6, Wisconsin

Dear Bob:

It was good to have been with you again last week and to get an even closer look at the University. Here are my expenses for the trip:

air transportation	$99.28
other (including hotel, ground transportation, taxi, meals)	18.22
total	$117.50

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

October 9, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Mr. Rilling:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 7.

Because of an illness in his family, Mr. Routh is presently away from the office. Your letter will be called to his attention upon his return. In the meantime, please let us know if we can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

Air Mail

October 9, 1958

Mr. Harry W. Ernst
The Charleston Gazette
Charleston, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Ernst:

Here is a copy of your letter printed in the News and Courier. Well done!

Thanks for the reference to New South. We do appreciate it and are surprised that Mr. Waring didn't reply more vociferously to your suggestion.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

October 9, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. R. M. Hunt
2434 N. E. 8th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Mrs. Hunt:

We have made reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the 15th. You can easily get transportation by taxi to Clark College but it is difficult to get them to bring you back. The white taxis hesitate to come to that area and the taxis of the colored people cannot take you. But I think it is best for you to go to the hotel.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

October 9, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mrs. J. Ernest Judd
110 Malaga
Birmingham 9, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Judd:

We have made reservation for you as per your request, beginning October 15.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

VIA AIR MAIL October 9, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
The New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for your good letter of October 8. If your board should decide that you should administer the contingency funds, that would be even better than our proposal.

I still owe acknowledgments for two recent letters from Mrs. Meskus concerning New World applicants.

As to the first, I'm very glad you got a chance to talk to Carlton Parker of the YMCA. I haven't met him yet, but expect I will soon. My findings here were also that no specific candidate for the college program is in sight. Your suggestion that they wait until such a potential replacement is found was, therefore, just the thing. We'll do what we can to steer good prospects their way.

Secondly, I have deferred any comment on the World Affairs Center request until I could better inform myself about local and regional efforts in that field. Although there are some racially inclusive groups on world politics and foreign policy, it is true that the Negro community tends to get neglected. I'm always skeptical, however, about setting up new machinery to serve minority groups. This smacks too much of the departments of "Negro work" still prevalent in religious and educational institutions. Wherever possible, it is far preferable to push for inclusion of Negroes in the established and mainline activities. The Foreign Policy Association and like groups could and should undoubtedly do more in this respect. My inclination would be to favor the use of any foundation grants as leverage to bring this about.

I should qualify this personal opinion with the admission that I'm not an expert on organized efforts in the field of international education. But from what I know of race relations, I'd say the existing machinery should be improved, if at all possible, rather than new machinery created.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent to all Board members.

October 9, 1958

Mrs. L. C. Bates
1804 Bishop Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

This is to express the hope of the officers and staff that you will be present at the Council's annual meeting on November 11. The full particulars of time, place, and accommodations are given in the enclosed memorandum.

We anticipate that most of the members from other cities will probably arrive some time on Monday, November 10. If this proves to be the case, we should like to arrange either a dinner or an after-dinner occasion for that evening. As soon as we have had word of arrival time from enough members, I shall write you again about plans for Monday evening.

This momentous time in the South calls for the very best leadership the Southern Regional Council can provide. I know we can count on you to make every effort to attend.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

October 9, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed is a copy of a staff memorandum to the Personnel Committee regarding employee benefits. A second copy is being sent to Dr. Clement.

Dr. Clement is out of the city this week but will be in the city next week. Harold plans to contact him and arrange for the three of you to get together while you are in Atlanta.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

CC: Dr. Rufus E. Clement

October 9, 1958

Mr. W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Episcopal Church
P. O. Box 208
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

Enclosed is the check for your expenses and a notice of the Annual Meeting. We have talked with Paul Rilling and he plans to change the Virginia meeting to the 12th. So, I trust this simplifies things a bit.

It was a pleasure meeting you and look forward to seeing you again on November 11th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures - 2

October 9, 1958

Dr. A. C. Miller
Executive Secretary
The Christian Life Commission of the
  Southern Baptist Convention
161 Eighth Avenue, North
Nashville 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Miller:

Many thanks for your welcome letter of October 3. We are all most pleased that Dr. Young's appointment as executive director of the Tennessee Council has given it new zest. I haven't heard directly from her as yet but will anticipate seeing her at the time of Mrs. Tilly's meeting next week.

It was good to see you the other day. I was awfully sorry to learn that I missed a chance for further conversation when you visited the office.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 9, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

Thanks for letting me see a copy of your Cincinnati speech. It didn't arrive until Monday. Even with ample time to comment, however, I should have had no changes to suggest. It is excellent. I trust the occasion went well and will look forward to hearing about it when opportunity permits.

All best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent to Exec. Committee and Officers

October 9, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

This is to remind you of the Council's annual meeting on Tuesday, November 11 and the preceding meeting of the Executive Committee on the afternoon of Monday, November 10. The full particulars of the annual meeting are given in the attached memorandum; the Executive Committee will meet at 2:00 P. M. Monday in the conference room of Atlanta University.

We anticipate that most of the members from other cities will probably arrive some time on Monday, November 10. If this proves to be the case, we should like to arrange either a dinner or an after-dinner occasion for that evening. As soon as we have had word of arrival time from enough members, I shall write you again about plans for Monday evening.

This momentous time in the South calls for the very best leadership the Southern Regional Council can provide. I know we can count on you to make every effort to attend.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

October 9, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: The Members of the Council

From: Paul Anthony, Administrative Assistant

Re: Notice of the Annual Meeting

Following are the particulars of the annual meeting. We hope it will be possible for you to attend and will be happy to make any special arrangements which you may require.

Date: November 11, 1958

Place: The Board Room, Harkness Hall, Atlanta University, 223 Chestnut Street, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia

Housing: On request, SRC staff will arrange reservations for overnight accomodations at Atlanta University or the hotel or motel of your choice.

Transportation: Generally, taxicabs afford the best means of transportation to Atlanta University. Special arrangements will be made on request.

Expenses: The Council will be responsible for all expenses involved. Travel advances are available on request.

Informal Session: An informal session, probably including dinner, will be arranged for the evening of November 10th, if a significant number of persons plan to be in Atlanta at that time. Details of this session will be sent as soon as possible.

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October 10, 1958

Mr. Saint John Barrett
Second Assistant
Civil Rights Division
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I received the teletype message that you will be with us at our workshop at Kresge Hall, Clark College, Thursday and Friday. Our first session will begin at 11:00 a.m. on the 16th and close after lunch on Friday.

We are asking you to enter into the discussion in the morning and afternoon and then in the evening you can give us an address or talk informally if you please on the function of the Department of Justice, especially in our Civil Rights case. I think you understand we have had some propaganda about the 14th Amendment and the States Rights question. However, this does not limit you what ever from saying anything you feel we should know.

We are hoping our workshop will be far reaching with your help, and we feel sure it will be.

Please give our thanks to Mr. White.

We are looking forward to having you with us.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Rogers Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DRT:lec

October 10, 1958

Mrs. Emma Hines Thornton
1923 - 13th Avenue
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

Enclosed you will find a check for $42.79 for your travel.

I hope those of your loved ones who have been ill are better now.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

October 10, 1958

Mrs. W. A. Lindsey
c/o Mrs. George Carpenter
St. Simons, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Lindsey:

Travel the way most convenient for you. If the plane travel makes it easier, of course travel that way.

I am glad you are coming.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M.E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 10, 1958

Mrs. Joe R. Brewer
Box 314, Route 1
Scott, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Brewer:

We wish to thank the Women's Emergency Committee to Open Our Schools for sending a representative to our workshop, and we made your reservation accordingly knowing that you may send someone else. Perhaps you know that your expenses for travel and entertainment will be cared for by the Southern Regional Council.

We are delighted to have a representative from Little Rock. From out of your experience you may help us to find a way that this will not happen anywhere else.

Please accept our thanks.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 10, 1958

Mr. H. S. Brown, Director
Education and Research
Texas State AFL-CIO
1021 San Jacinto Street
Austin 1, Texas

Dear Brother Brown:

At the request of John Cosgrove I am sending you some pamphlet materials which we distributed at the recent Southern Labor School. Attached to this letter is a rough outline which will indicate some of the topics which we discussed in the class on "Southern Social Problems." Three books were also distributed to the various state and city central bodies but not to each individual participant. These books were: The Louisville Story, by Omer Carmichael and Weldon James; The Negro Potential, by Eli Ginzberg; and Segregation: Inner Conflict of the South, by Robert Penn Warren. The pamphlets were distributed during the class sessions when it was felt a given material was most pertinent. I feel that the total number of pieces is more than should normally be distributed at an ordinary educational institute.

We also showed the film, "Face of the South," which features George Mitchell and his famous illustrated map talk. I will enclose some information on this film with the materials I am sending to you in case you are not familiar with its general approach and content.

On the whole we felt that the sessions dealing with Southern social problems were quite successful. A great deal of ground was covered and we developed some lines of approach to problems of race relations as they arise within the union movement or in the community. I think some of the approaches developed to aid the participants in their dealings with other unionists - lines of "argument" and basic factual information - were especially helpful.

Please feel free to call on me if there is further information which I can supply.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures

October 10, 1958

Mrs. David Jones
Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Your subject is perfect and it comes in just at the right spot. It is wonderful that you are coming and will bring this message to us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Encls: Sumter (S.C.) ITEM article - 10/3/58 S. L. Gentry
ltr. to the Editor of Richmond Times Dispatch

Virginius Dabney's cc reply to S. L. Gentry - dtd. 10/8/58

October 10, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Thanks for sharing the Gentry-Dabney correspondence with me. You have handled it excellently, and I see no need for action from here. I am returning the originals herewith. When and if the Dabney letter is published, I'll appreciate your lending us the clipping so that we can copy it for the expanding record on this business.

I'm looking forward to seeing you next week. As Paul wrote you, we will try to arrange a time for you, Dr. Clement, and I to get together on personnel matters.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

Encls: 3 copies Revised Joint-Fact-Finding Report

October 10, 1958

Mr. Alfred S. Kramer
National Council of Churches of Christ
in the U. S. A.
Division of Christian Life and Word
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Kramer:

In our interagency session this morning, Will Campbell gave us the welcome news that your Department would consider taking on the public release of the joint fact-finding report.

Representatives of the sponsoring agencies were enthusiastic over the prospect of the National Council serving in this capacity. I very much hope that the decision of your committee will be favorable.

At Will's suggestion, I am sending the additional copies of the report enclosed. We made some minor editorial changes last night and have updated the incidents through June 30 on the master copy. But in all major respects, this mimeographed draft is what we propose to publish.

With all best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

October 10, 1958

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

We are deeply sorrowed by the death of Pope Pius XII and our sympathy goes out to Catholics the world over in the loss of their great and good spiritual leader.

Those of us, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, who labor in the field of human relations have a special reason to mourn his passing and preserve the memory of his leadership. For his compassion and concern for the disadvantaged made him a veritable symbol of our aspirations toward peace and justice for the whole human family.

It is surely no accident that the Cathlic Church was led by this wise and courageous man through decades when Christian ideals were challenged as seldom before by materialism and brutality. From his example we can all take strength in our efforts to advance justice and equality among men.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. Frank Hall

October 13, 1958

Mr. Lewis Carnahan
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carnahan:

We are now making plans for the visits of the Rev. W. Landman and Dr. A. Van Der Merwe for October 28 and 29. Their hotel reservations have been confirmed.

You may be interested to know that Dr. Jacobus S. Gericke, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Stellenbosch will also be our guest during that time and plans have been made for the gentlemen to meet during their Atlanta visit.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 13, 1958

Miss Mary Sheridan
The Progressive
408 West Graham Street
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Sheridan:

At his request, we are sending you the enclosed vita sheet on Mr. Marion A. Wright. If additional information is needed, I will be happy to supply it.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

cc: Mr. Marion A. Wright

October 13, 1958

Mr. Charles Mathias
United Steelworkers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Charlie:

During the past few months I've been asked if there were things that unions could do to ease community tensions. Occasionally what is wanted is a way to speak out for justice and community order without being identified as "pro-integration." I have felt that Southern unionists have missed a number of opportunities to stand up for things they honestly believe in, to aid in a given situation, and to perhaps do a good public relations job for unions at the same time.

[I believe you will agree that] T the bombing yesterday is an occasion for concern for all of us and also and incident against which organized labor should and could speak out. I believe that the city and state AFL-CIO, and their executive committees, might make a statement. Likewise, local unions and even key staff people who are free to do so could speak out.

I am enclosing a statement which is purely suggestive for whatever use you would like to make of it. I think this is best left in your hands, but I will probably be in touch with a few staff people who are responsible for Atlanta locals.

③ If there is anything further that you feel I can do, I would be more than willing to be of service. Atlanta is the kind of community which responds to those who stand for decency, and I hope that some union groups will take such a stand in this situation.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf
Enclosure - 1

P. S. Copies of any statements made might be sent to the City Editor of The Atlanta Constitution, The Atlanta Journal, and to the Journal of Labor as well as to Rabbi Jacob Rothschild, 1589 Peachtree Street, N. W. I would also like to receive a copy if it is convenient.

EFV

We the members of organized labor deplore the recent bombing of a Jewish synagogue in Atlanta as evidence of hatred in our society, a disrespect for law and order, and a failure to grasp ~~group~~ fundamental democratic principles. We urge that all appropriate law enforcement agencies do all in their power to bring to justice those who have caused this blot on the good name of our community. We pledge our support to these agencies and join with right-minded people everywhere in condemning this bombing and in working for a society in which such incidents will not occur.

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October 13, 1958

Mr. E. T. Kehrer
S. E. Regional Director
ILGWU
1065 Gordon Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Al:

During the past few months I've been asked if there were things that unions could do to ease community tensions. Occasionally what is wanted is a way to speak out for justice and community order without being identified as "pro-integration." I have felt that Southern unionists have missed a number of opportunities to stand up for things they honestly believe in, to aid in a given situation, and to perhaps do a good public relations job for unions at the same time.

The bombing yesterday is an occasion for concern for all of us and also an incident against which organized labor should and could speak out. Perhaps the executive committees of the city and state AFL-CIO could make a statement. Also, I feel that some local unions and key staff people, who are free to do so, would want to speak out at this time.

I am enclosing a statement which is purely suggestive for whatever use you would like to make of it. You will know how to best make use of it, or preferably a statement of your own, in your organization. I am sending this suggestion to several other union staffers in Atlanta, and it is hoped that Atlanta unionists will make a good showing in this critical issue.

Atlanta is a community which responds to those who stand for decency. If there is any way that I can be of service to you in this effort, don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV/mf
Enclosure - 1

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Same ltr. and enclosure sent to:

Mr. Bob Sharpe
Business Agent
ILGWU
187½ Trinity Avenue, S.W.
Atlanta

Mr. George Werner
Georgia Director, CWA
40 Pryor Street, S. W.
Atlanta

Mr. W. A. Rowe
Regional Director
AFSCME, AFL-CIO
Forsyth Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Ray Nixon
United Rubber Workers of America
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta,

Mr. J. C. McFarlin
Secretary-Treasurer
Atlanta Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
117 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta

Mr. James P. Harden
Education Department
U. A. W.
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta

Mr. Charles H. Gillman
Director, AFL-CIO
Region 6
1026 Hurt Building
Atlanta

Mr. Edmund Dumas
Director, District #9
United Packinghouse Workers
353½ Luckie Street
Atlanta

Mr. Guy Dickinson
Retail, Wholesale, Dept. Store Workers
95 Merritts Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta

Mr. Ray Brown
ACWA, North Georgia Jt. Bd.
1151 Regent Street
Atlanta

Mr. Arnold Kennedy
IBEW, #84
250 - 10th Street, N. E.
Atlanta

October 13, 1958

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Jones:

Due to a death in his family, Fred continues to be out of the office. Therefore, we are answering your request of October 3rd.

Unfortunately, our supply of the Wallace interview is very much limited. But in light of the significant use you have in mind we are sending you, under separate cover, 500 copies. If we are able to get more reprints we will try to send the other 500. We are happy to send them without charge.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

October 13, 1958

Mrs. J. O. Powell
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Powell:

We have reservation for you for Wednesday the 15th and Thursday the 16th at the Piedmont Hotel and will let them know that you will arrive at 7:47 p.m.

We are so glad you are coming. Atlanta is in sorrow today too. I suppose you know that our beautiful Jewish Temple was bombed Saturday night.

Looking forward to having you with us, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 13, 1958

Mr. Ross W. Reinhardt, Manager
The New Orleans News Company
1111 S. Peters Street
New Orleans 13, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Reinhardt:

Your form letter of October 2, 1958 has two items checked concerning the New South subscription of Tulane University Library. The first check indicates that Tulane University Library has never received a single issue of New South, and the second item checked indicates that the library is missing Vol. 12, #9. We presume that the first item was checked inadvertently since there is a stencil for your customer in our active files.

As to the second item, Vol. 12, #9 of New South was not in its usual form and was labeled on the back of the issue instead of the front. We believe your customer must have received the issue and did not notice it was the regular New South. However, we are mailing your customer another copy of #9 New South.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bee
Copy: Tulane University Library

October 13, 1958

Mrs. Paul Arrington
1735 Piedmont Street
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Bess:

Yes we have your reservation at Piedmont Hotel beginning on the 15th. It is very easy to get a taxi out to Clark College and we will help you to get one back to the hotel.

It is wonderful that you are coming.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

October 13, 1958

Rev. Robert Hughes, Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Under separate cover we are sending you an additional 50 copies of the Mike Wallace interview. Happy to know you can use them. The extra copies are for good luck!

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

October 13, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Spearman:

Under separate cover we are sending you an additional 350 copies of the Mike Wallace interview. Happy to know that you can use this very fine pamphlet.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

October 13, 1958

Mrs. George R. Otto, Jr.
Office Secretary
The First Unitarian Church
5015 Waterman Boulevard
St. Louis 8, Missouri

Dear Mrs. Otto:

Your letter concerning the George Mitchell film has been referred to me. We have two copies of this film but they are distributed through the Anti-Defamation League office here in Atlanta.

Since the fee is only $1.50 I have taken the liberty of asking the ADL secretary here to schedule the film for your organization on October 26. You will receive a confirmation of this from the ADL office. If by any chance this arrangement is unsatisfactory to you, please drop the ADL office here a note and tell them when you would be interested in the film.

Incidentally the name of the film is "The Face of the South."

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 14, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Director, Penn Community Services, Inc.
St. Helena Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Siceloff:

Your letter of October 2 contained good news indeed. We're delighted that you are willing to undertake the report on Beaufort County, with the understanding that you will fit it in with your work at Penn. We appreciate, too, your generosity in waiving the fee but I know Harold Fleming would not want you to pay any costs yourself and certainly would want you to submit an expense account, at the very least.

As to the time element, I feel sure this can be worked out. Perhaps you could give us an idea of a deadline that would be acceptable to you. We have been thinking in terms of two categories. A preliminary report on which a news release could be based just before the November 4 general election is planned first. In this, we hope to present current voting totals, summarize changes in registration laws, pending suits, etc., and perhaps include a report on one or two counties which we might have in hand then. Later, when the various county reports are in, a somewhat more extensive report could be drawn up. For the latter, we have been thinking of a January 1 deadline for the county studies. Does this sound feasible to you?

I am enclosing a rather hastily drawn up list of questions, which might be of some help in getting the county report underway. At least, it may give you an idea of the sort of thing we have in mind. As to the advisibility of asking elected officials for information, my feeling would be that this should be left to your discretion; you know the area and can tell better than we here how it would be easiest for you to work.

The possible contrast you mentioned between the upper and lower sections in Beaufort sound intriguing but in any event I think Beaufort will provide an interesting study. If there is anything I can do to help in any way, please let me know.

Thank you, too, for your suggestions as to the other counties. I want to go into this matter again soon with Harold and discuss with him the men you mentioned for the other South Carolina counties.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

MP/bcc

October 14, 1958

Mr. Ronnie Dugger
The Texas Observer
504 West 24th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Mr. Dugger:

Thank you for your suggestions for the gathering of voting totals in Texas. I appreciate the time and thought you've given the subject and can understand, alas, your reasons for thinking someone else should do the polling.

We'll try to work out the polling along the lines you suggested and right now are casting about for the most likely person and method of getting the information needed.

I'll keep you posted on our progress, so you will be hearing from me again soon.

Sincerely,

Margaret Price

MP/bcc

October 14, 1958

Prof. Donald S. Strong
Department of Politicial Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Strong:

Thank you for your letter of October 2 concerning the study of Negro voting about which I wrote earlier.

I appreciate your suggesting John R. Vaughn for the Dallas County project and I am writing to him today to ask if he would be willing to undertake the study there.

Until we know definitely whether or not you would be interested in the Birmingham project I have not mentioned this area to Mr. Vaughn.

We would be pleased, of course, if you do feel you can find time for the Birmingham study. SRC can offer a fee of $250.00, plus expenses. So far as the time element is concerned, we have been thinking in terms of a two-phase report. A preliminary report on which a news release could be based before the November general election is planned first. In this, we hope to present current voting totals, summarise changes in registration laws, pending suits, etc., and perhaps include portions of reports on one or two counties which might be in hand then. Later, when the various county studies are in, a somewhat more extensive report could be drawn up. For the latter, we have been thinking of a January 1 deadline for the county reports. Does this sound feasible to you?

To give some idea of the kind of information we are seeking, I drew up rather hastily a list of questions which I thought might be of some help to those who, unlike you, have not worked in this field previously. Your suggestions as to other information we might seek would be welcome.

Again, thank you for your help. We hope that your other commitments will leave you enough time to undertake the Birmingham report.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret Price

MP/bcc

October 14, 1958

Mr. John Vaughn
Department of Political Science
University of Alabama
University, Alabama

Dear Mr. Vaughn:

Donald Strong has written that he has discussed with you my letter regarding the Southern Regional Council's planned follow-up to an earlier study of Negro voting in the eleven Southern states.

He perhaps told you that we hope to present several studies-in-depth of selected counties in the South. We thought one of the Black Belt counties in Alabama would be an interesting subject and selected Dallas County. Then when Mr. Strong wrote, recommending you for the Dallas project, saying you already had written an excellent term paper on this area, it seemed like a stroke of good fortune for us.

SRC can offer a fee of $250.00, plus expenses. As for a deadline, in case you are interested in the project, does January 1 sound feasible? Tentatively, a preliminary report is planned for around November 1, giving current voting totals, changes in registration laws in the past two years, pending suits, etc. Then, later, when the various county studies are in, a somewhat more extensive report is planned. The latter would be based in large part on the county reports. As to how these would be used, I can best illustrate by referring you to the earlier SRC "Negro Voting in the South," which I am sending separately.

I drew up a rather sketchy list of questions to give an idea of the kind of information sought. Quite obviously, some of these will have little bearing in Dallas County and I'm sure you can think of other things that would be meaningful.

I would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Please feel free to call on us for any additional information.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret Price

MP/bcc

October 14, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary, NAACP
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, New York

Dear Herb:

Perhaps you will recall that I wrote you some time ago regarding a proposed vocational training program in Georgia. The Georgia State Board of Education is planning to establish area vocational training schools. The plans seem to indicate that the State Board is making a more realistic approach to the kinds of training which will have meaning for today's youth and ~~the~~ industrial requirements. Though I have not seen the plans in detail, and would not be a proper judge in any case, I take it that they are doing about what public education can do regarding vocational training. However, in all the planning there is no provision for the training of Negroes. No separate but equal; no separate and unequal; and no integrated do-what-you-can.

There are two groups interested in this problem plus an informal group of Negro leadership persons who may be cranking up to take some action. The Atlanta Council on Human Relations has at least a passing interest in what is taking place and with a proper presentation of facts and needs would probably be willing to provide some white or bi-racial voice of protest. The Georgia Teachers Education Association through its director Luciuss Pitts is concerned about this situation and has already done more towards uncovering what is going on than anyone else. They feel a need to work confidentially behind the scenes. Pitts is in touch with some Negro leadership who may come up with a plan of action. He would welcome a consultation with you if it is possible even though he feels, and I would agree, that the ball should be carried at this point by the local group. My guess is that they need their thinking sharpened, the lines of argument more fully developed, and to consider possible alternative actions if a "community approach" does not work. The suggestion has been made that injunctive relief might be sought if needed. This would mean an invoking of equal protection as applied to concrete plans rather than waiting for overt discrimination.

It would be too bad to have a reasonably good training program cast so as to exclude Negroes. It is none too soon to shape plans for action. I will not be able to keep close touch with this situation, chiefly because I will be moving to other pastures in the near future - a decision reluctantly made in the light of a number of practical family problems.

I trust that your schedule and plans will allow you to give this Atlanta (and Georgia) problem some attention. If at all possible, be in touch with Pitts on your next trip to town.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

October 14, 1958

Mr. Samuel Lubin, Director
Atlanta Area Office
American Jewish Committee
41 Exchange Place, S. E., Room 703
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Lubin:

This is a reminder that the workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned begins at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, Kresge Hall, Clark College. You know I am counting on you to be at the beginning of the meeting and stay through noon on Friday.

We will especially need you on Friday morning when we have The Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I want you to know also, that Mr. St. John Barrett, Second Assistant, Civil Rights Division of the U. S. Department of Justice is to speak to us at 7130 p.m. Thursday evening.

If you have anyone who would like to come, please bring them with you. I am so glad you are coming to help us in our discussions. Atlanta, our state and our South particularly need help in these days right now.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

October 14, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Exec. Dir.
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

We are putting your 100 copies of the Dabbs transcript in the mail today.

As to the books, as yet there is no paperback volume. We are expecting a consignment of 100 copies from Knopf within the next few days and can mail you two copies or more if you like at $2.50 per copy. Let me know your desires in this matter.

With best wishes for your meeting.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

October 14, 1958

Hatchards
187, Piccadilly
LONDON, W. 1.

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Gentlemen:

We are sorry, but CHANGING THE CHARACTER OF LYNCHING by Ames is now out of print.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec

October 15, 1958

Mr. Morris B. Abram
Healey Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Morris:

Here is your copy of the brief in Franklin v. Harber, just returned by the Department of Justice. Putzel expressed thanks for it, but didn't say what use or influence, if any, it had had.

In any case, many thanks for giving me the chance to expose them to it.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

October 15, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I regret that a serious illness - and subsequent death - in the family has kept me out of the office until today. I am enclosing our check for $16.00 for transporting me two hundred miles about the state of Virginia.

I am interested in the outcome of repairs to your T-Bird. Is your insurance company "going after" the Ford who ran us off the road - or his insurance company? They should pay the whole bill or at least the $100 deductable item. If in the event you are stuck with the bill, I am anxious to help out. Please let me know.

I trust you have heard from Arnie Aaronson regarding a presentation at the NAIRO annual meeting on "The Constructive Use of Conflict." I believe this would be a good opportunity for you to meet many of the blokes in the field.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure - check No. 4745

BC to: Rev. Wm. Houslander

October 15, 1958

Rabbi Jacob M. Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rabbi:

I have just returned to the city from Canada where I was called because of serious illness - and resulting death - in my family. While there I learned of the tragic occurrence at the Temple. I was then, and I am now deeply distressed at this act of barbarism. It is a sick mind indeed which leads one to attack the house of God.

I am enclosing my personal check for $25.00 as a small contribution toward the rebuilding of the Temple. It is my earnest prayer that you and the congregation will look upon this attack as a medal of honor because of the good work you are doing.

I had made out a check for $25.00 to the Rev. Mr. William Houslander who conducted the funeral services for my aunt. He refused the check because of his personal feelings about her death and asked that I contribute it to some worthy cause. I know of no cause more worthy than this.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check)

October 15, 1958

Mr. John V.P. Lassoe, Jr., Exec. Sec'y.
National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials
152 West 42nd Street - Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

Enclosed is a list of the State Agencies with the names of directors and chairmen. You will note that the names of the Georgia and Texas groups have been changed since your last list was compiled.

West Virginia and Oklahoma do not have agencies such as the ones listed here.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bce
Enclosure

October 15, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Director of Education
IUE, AFL-CIO
1126 16th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ben:

I had started a letter to you yesterday which was interrupted, so I start anew with your note this morning.

The offer from the University of Wisconsin did not come in until Monday, October 13th. Although I have not answered, the terms of the offer are as I outlined to you in my last letter. I have just received word of the possibility of suitable housing in Madison for the first year. This adds up to the fact that I will be sending in my acceptance of their offer shortly.

I am sorry that there has been this much delay in filling you in but not until Monday did I have anything definite to report. My plans now call for me to report to work in Madison in January. I would not expect to leave Atlanta until late in December. This does not give me time enough to close out the program properly, but I feel that most essentials will be taken care of.

You will hear from me or Harold, or both, shortly in an official way regarding the discontinuance of the labor program with SRC. In the meantime, I trust that my decision is not working any great hardship for you. If it is I hope you will be completely frank in telling me ways in which I can make the change go easier. Margaret and I want to thank you for your own good letter and advice. The decision is still not an easy one to make.

I am enclosing with this letter a few evidences of program which you may wish to see.

You asked for a tabulation on the number of copies of *Accent on the South* and *Racism and Southern Unions* which we have on hand. Approximately 970 copies of *Accent on the South* and about 8 copies of *Racism and Southern Unions* are still with us. We also have a few copies of each of the pieces listed on the enclosed sheet. You may also wish to know that we have about 500 copies of "We Open the Gates."

Best wishes to you and the family. You will hear from me in greater detail before too long.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures

VIA AIR MAIL October 16, 1958

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Irving Brant's article in the Washington Post and Times-Herald is an imaginative and effective job. If you do reprint it, we could make good use of one or two thousand copies.

Thanks for thinking of us and all best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1958

Mr. Paul Green
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Green:

We are delighted that you will be here for the annual meeting on November 11 and will arrive in time for dinner the preceding evening. As soon as we have had enough responses to make the evening plans definite, you will be hearing from me again. Meanwhile, my best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1958

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
Department of Sociology
University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

Dear Guy:

We're extremely pleased that you can be here for the annual meeting and that you expect to arrive on the afternoon of the 10th. We have made a reservation for you at the Piedmont Hotel.

As soon as we get a few more returns, I'll be writing you again about possible plans for the evening of the 10th. Meanwhile, best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1958

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

We are delighted that you can be here for the annual meeting and a less formal get-together on the preceding evening. We have made a reservation in your name at the Piedmont Hotel for November 10th.

The meeting on the 11th may be expected to adjourn no later than 4:00 P. M., and perhaps slightly earlier, depending on the decision of the body.

I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1958

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 South Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Josephine:

Ben Segal, who headed the former Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights, has referred your request for two copies of the industrialization study to us. We are undertaking to give it further distribution. Let us know if you can use more copies.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosures - 2 (Accent on the South)

BC sent to: Frank Loescher

October 16, 1958

Mr. Alan Pifer
Executive Associate
Carnegie Corporation of New York
589 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Alan:

Thanks for your sympathetic letter of October 6.

We're disappointed, of course, that our request didn't make the grade. But we are also well aware that such proposals, particularly one as much off the beaten track as this, have a high mortality rate.

We have given a good deal of thought and discussion to your generous offer to negotiate a fee for each future visitor you may refer to us. Much as we appreciate it, we are inclined to ask that the present relationship continue.

We feel this way for two quite practical reasons. First, we fear that a regular practice of attaching a fee to a particular visitor would distort what is, after all, a normal function of an educational organization like the Council. Secondly, we still have hopes of securing a special grant or contribution in overall support of our work with foreign visitors. If we are ultimately successful, this will be far preferable to a practice that might lead to distinctions among visitors based on their sponsorship.

In any case, I hope you and your colleagues won't feel any inhibitions about referring your grantees to us. And I want to thank you and Stephen Stackpole for making consideration of our request possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 16, 1958

Miss Josephine Wilkins
387 South Milledge Avenue
Athens, Georgia

Dear Miss Wilkins:

We are deeply grateful to Mr. Montgomery for his $5.00 contribution to the Council and hardly less so to you for transmitting it to us.

We are sending him a note of thanks today along with an official receipt from the Council. A copy of our letter to Mr. Montgomery is enclosed for your information.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander

Enclosure

October 16, 1958

Mr. Thomas R. Montgomery
P. O. Box 52
Chagrin Falls, Ohio

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

That was extremely kind of you to send, through Miss Josephine Wilkins, your contribution of $5.00 toward the work of the Southern Regional Council.

We value, above all else, just such contributions. They are not only strengthening, but the greatest encouragement to us.

Under separate cover, we are sending you copies of our most recent publications and placing your name on our mailing list to receive our monthly publication, New South.

Again let me say that we are very grateful for your contribution to our work, and hope that we may merit your continuing interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth House Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

Enclosure (SRC Receipt-$5.00)

October 17, 1958

AIRMAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Aaron Goldman
1111 First Street, N. E.
Washington 2, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goldman:

I regret the delay in returning the report to Commissioner McLaughlin to you. Unfortunately, after we talked I was called out of the country by the serious illness and subsequent death of a member of the family. I have just returned to the office.

After careful consideration and considerable discussion with our professional staff I have decided, reluctantly I must admit, that I will not be a candidate for the Executive Directorship of the District Council on Human Relations. All of us here believe that this is an important post, one which has national significance. I think it only fair to point out that Mr. Davis is particularly unhappy with the Southern Regional Council since its headquarters are in his bailiwick. If any member of our staff were to go with the District Council it would be almost an open invitation to Mr. Davis to attack the group.

I agree with you that somebody who is knowledgeable about the district and its operation would be the most desirable staff person, if he had the other attributes called for. A person who I believe would do a good job is John B. Orr, Jr., former state representative from Dade County, Florida. Jack is an attorney knowledgeable about FEPC. Another person who would be good as Executive Director would be B. Tartt Bell, American Friends Service Committee Director, High Point, North Carolina.

If there is anything we can do to further assist you please let us know.

With every good wish in your endeavor to find a suitable person I am,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure - 1 (report)

October 17, 1958

Mr. David Eddy
Route 2, Box 5
Wadley, Alabama

Dear David:

We have completed the stock transaction and transmitted the net proceeds of $199.50 to the Alabama Council on Human Relations. It was no difficulty at all for us; I merely wanted to be sure to handle it properly.

We are most grateful for your generous support of the work in Alabama, and I know Bob Hughes and the Alabama Council as a whole are deeply appreciative.

All the best and bon courage to you, too.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

October 17, 1958

Mr. Robert E. Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Here's the check representing David Eddy's contribution of 10 shares of Grumman Aircraft stock.

Congratulations and good wishes.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check #4746 - $199.50)

P. S. I will reply to the questions raised in your last letter at the earliest possible opportunity. Enjoyed being with you and your board last week.

HCF

October 17, 1958

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Daytona Beach Morning Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herb:

I am embarrassed that I did not send the note I wrote you thanking you for the courtesies extended me on my last visit to Daytona Beach. Inadvertently, it got shoved in the desk drawer and only came to the surface recently. Anyhow, and belatedly, my thanks for a pleasant evening.

I will be delighted to have dinner with you on the night of the 10th. Harold, unfortunately, has previous engagements on both the 10th and 11th. One thing though, I insist that you and Liliane be my guests.

We look forward to seeing you both.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

October 17, 1958

Vertical File Index
The H. W. Wilson Company
950 University Avenue
New York 52, New York

Dear Sirs:

Your card addressed to the Trade Union Program on Civil Liberties and Rights (Washington, D. C.) has been forwarded to us. You requested a review copy of the reprint, "Industrialization: Accent on the South," by Ben Segal.

The office of the Trade Union Program has been discontinued and we are undertaking the further distribution of the pamphlet. A copy of this pamphlet is enclosed. The post-paid price for the pamphlet is ten cents. We would be happy to have it listed in the Verticle File Index.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

P. S. I am also enclosing for your consideration a copy of our pamphlet, "The Negro Voter in the South." The post-paid retail price for this item is twenty-five cents. We feel it is of sufficiently general interest to warrant its inclusion in your listing.

EFV

October 17, 1958

Dr. Louise Young, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise Young:

It was good to talk with you even briefly during your visit here to Atlanta. I am sending along a memo we sent to the state organization Chairmen and Executive Directors on August 25th. It outlines the form for a request for financial aid from SRC for 1959.

No request has been sent from the Tennessee Council as of this time, but we have received the quarterly report for the period July 1-August 31st.

I look forward to seeing you November 5-6 in Nashville.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

October 17, 1958

Mr. John H. Wheeler, President
Mechanics and Farmers Bank
Durham, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wheeler:

This is to ask a favor of you.

At its recent meeting, our nominating committee considered the names of outstanding Southerners who might be proposed for membership on the Southern Regional Council's governing body at our annual meeting, November 11.

One of the names suggested by Mr. L. D. Milton and considered most favorably by the other committee members was Mr. Kennedy of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company. It is my understanding that Mr. Kennedy is approaching retirement and may perhaps be disposed to enlarge his outside activities. Of course, I am in no position to write Mr. Kennedy officially in advance of the annual meeting. But I am hoping that you will find it possible to discuss this matter with him informally and advise us whether or not he would be willing to consider membership.

As the enclosed list of members indicates, Mr. Kennedy would be associated in the Council with other Southerners of outstanding reputation. It might also be well to assure him that board membership will not make heavy demands on his time or energy; as you know, the full board meets only once a year, and in the interim we keep the members fully informed of program activities and executive committee actions. Very occasionally we may call on a board member for advice or assistance on a specific matter.

Mainly, however, membership means lending prestige and endorsement to the Council's objectives and activities toward the elimination of prejudice, discrimination, and segregation. We have been very pleased by the caliber of the persons who have served and are serving this movement in the leadership group. Mr. Kennedy would be an outstanding addition.

I am enclosing a brief history of the Council which might be useful in interpreting the organization.

We will greatly appreciate your help, as we have had occasion to do many times in the past.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/pa

Enclosures: Board List
State organizations list
Cooperating agencies list

VIA AIR MAIL October 20, 1958

Mr. Davis McEntire
Research Director
Commission on Race and Housing
2180 Milvia Street
Berkeley 4, California

Dear Davis:

I am delighted to know that the report of the Commission on Race and Housing is about to be published. Certainly we would like to see it get the broadest kind of distribution and attention in the South.

Recognizing the limitations on the number of copies you will have for complimentary distribution, I am suggesting as our first priority the Southern Regional Council's staff, board members, and associated state Councils on Human Relations. The names and addresses of the board and the state groups are enclosed; if we could have as many as twelve (12) copies for staff use, this would be most helpful.

I thought you might also like to have the enclosed list of human relations organizations having staffed programs in the South. I am sure that the Southern staffers listed, as well as the national staffs, could apply the results of your studies with maximum effectiveness.

You are quite right in supposing that our general mailing list would be prohibitively large; however, we have from time to time compiled various selected lists of key persons in the South and could make suggestions toward further strategic distribution if needed.

Many thanks for keeping us in mind. I am looking forward eagerly to see the forthcoming report and the later more technical volumes as they are published.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

October 20, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
15 East Eighty-fourth Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

At Haskell Lazere's suggestion, I am sending you the enclosed draft copy of a report on violence, intimidation, and reprisals co-sponsored by several of the organizations active in the interagency group. Haskell writes me that he has communicated to you the substance of our discussions at the last meeting, therefore, I will only say that we are in the process of working out the mechanics of publication and release. Once it is out, we hope that the other organizations will be willing to buy a quantity of copies at cost.

Since this is literally our last copy, I am not able to send Haskell one. Perhaps you could forward this one on to him after you and your colleagues have had a chance to look at it.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

cc: Haskell L. Lazere

October 20, 1958

The Most Rev. Joseph B. Brunini
123 North West Street
P. O. Box 57
Jackson 5, Mississippi

My dear Bishop Brunini:

We deeply regret that you will not be able to be with us at the annual meeting, but, of course, fully realize that the conflicting occasion could hardly be a more important one.

In common with people everywhere, we were greatly saddened by the death of Pope Pius, XII. I am enclosing a copy of a letter which we wrote to the Catholic Interracial Council and which was publicized along with others by the NCWC.

We greatly value your leadership and support in these difficult times and will hope to set the date of the next annual meeting at a time when we can have you with us.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 20, 1958

Mr. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations, Inc.
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

I enjoyed meeting with your board week before last and I am only sorry that I had to leave before the meeting was over.

I do hope that all of the soul-searching and agonizing over the financial problem will lead to some tangible results. I am afraid I have no words of wisdom to add to Fred's memorandum, except to emphasize what I said in the meeting - that the best hope may well be in getting the Alabama Council written into the annual budgets of churches and organizations within the State. There must be a number of Negro groups that would be willing to support your work, as well as a smaller number of white ones.

In the climate of Alabama today, I doubt seriously that you will be able to raise your budget solely through individual memberships. As I also said at the meeting, you can be sure that I will do my best if I find a potential angel for the work in Alabama.

As to the other matter you mentioned, I am inclined to advise you to drop the matter of a speech by the special FBI agent-in-charge or the U. S. Attorney. In the light of realities, I doubt that protests up the line are going to produce much. As an alternative I would suggest writing directly to the Department of Justice and/or to the Commission on Civil Rights - preferably the former - requesting that a speaker be supplied from Washington. Such a letter could set forth your reasons for wanting such a speaker and might further point out that you have found it impossible to get an appropriate presentation from local officials because of their view of the community climate. I don't know if this would be successful either, but I think it would be a more likely success than your approach to the local Feds.

I should also tell you that Tom Thrasher will undoubtedly be nominated for membership on SRC's board at our forthcoming annual meeting. I spoke to him informally about this and he agreed to serve if elected. He will make a fine board member and should serve the welcome purpose of tying our organization even more strongly together.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 20, 1958

Rabbi Charles Mantinband
P. O. Box 1326
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Rabbi Mantinband:

We are delighted to know that you will be with us for the annual meeting. A reservation has been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the night of the 10th. The informal dinner on that evening will probably begin at 7 p.m. and we hope that you can arrive in time to be with us.

Enclosed is a travel advance of $75.00. If we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

Encl.

October 20, 1958

Mr. Samuel D. Proctor, President
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Mr. Proctor:

In Mr. Fleming's absence we are answering your letter of October 15. The annual meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on November 11 and should run no later than 4:00 p.m. on that date.

The informal dinner on the evening of the 10th will probably be at 7 p.m. A room has been reserved for you at Atlanta University for the night of the 10th.

We look forward to seeing you at that time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

October 20, 1958

Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg
Radio Station WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

Many thanks for your note and for all your help on the Nominating Committee. We are delighted that Mr. Thomas will serve and grateful to you and Olaf Anderson for making this valuable addition to the board possible.

A check for your expenses is enclosed.

I am looking forward to being with you again at the Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check #4768, $75.91)

October 20, 1958

Mr. Alexander J. Allen
Urban League of Pittsburgh
200 Ross Street
Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Allen:

I regret that we do not have photographs or mats of Mr. Marion A. Wright. However, I am forwarding your request to him and quite possibly he may be able to help you.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

hs/

October 21, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Your lecture at Emory last night was excellent. I was proud to be "a part of the family."

Enclosed are the copies of reviews of your book which you so kindly lent me. We are keeping the ones you indicated that you had more than one copy.

I took orders for ten additional copies of your new book at the meeting.

With best wishes in Little Rock and elsewhere.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc
Enclosure:

October 21, 1958

Mrs. Sarah Patton Boyle
Box 3183
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Boyle:

Under separate cover we are forwarding some literature which will partially fill the request in your recent letter.

Of the material on discrimination in hospitals in the South, I must ask that you return what is perhaps the most valuable for your purpose, "The Untouchables". This pamphlet documents a number of cases in which critically injured or ill Negroes have been refused admittance to white hospitals. Since this is our only copy of the booklet, we would appreciate your returning it after a week or so.

I am sending you several items which include material on the discriminatory effects of segregation, however, I don't find in our reference files any recently prepared full, documented studies on this subject.

I'm sure you are familiar with the reference sources your library probably offers - Myrhdal's American Dillemma, Dollard's Caste and Class in a Southern Town are among the most obvious - which would substantiate the thesis of a real need for integration. Phylon Magazine (Atlanta University) frequently contains articles concerning the damages inflicted by segregation (particularly, the psychological damages). The materials I am forwarding will be, I hope, of some help, but they are neither as germaine or complete as I could wish. You may keep them all, with the exception of "The Untouchables," mentioned above.

With regards from the entire staff, I am

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/bee

Under separate cover:

Our Conflicting Racial Policies
Enforced Segregation ... Denies Equal Protection of the Laws
Psychiatric Aspects of School Desegregation
The Negro Potential
The Untouchables
Medical Care and the Plight of the Negro

(Dictated by Miss Manderson but signed in her absence)

October 21, 1958

Mr. E. J. Bourg, Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Labor School
415 Government Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Bourg:

The check for $170.50 covering the expenses and honorarium for Emory Via's participation in the Southern Labor School has been received. The Council's official receipt for this amount is enclosed.

The honorarium is especially appreciated as an indication of support to the Council's labor program. For our part, we feel that the Southern Labor School affords an unusually good opportunity to discuss problems of the South meaningfully with an important group of Southern leaders.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
Enclosure - 1 (Receipt)
c.c. Stanton Smith

October 21, 1958

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Street, N. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rabbi Rothschild:

The enclosed letter comes from the Atlanta Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. I could not tell from the letter sent to me whether you had received a similar one or not. A number of the unions know that I am interested in receiving copies of statements which they make or in hearing of actions which they may take regarding human relations problems. In any case, I wanted to make sure that you got to see this message.

I would like to send you every good wish and to take this occasion to express my appreciation for what you have meant to the Atlanta community, both in your on-going activities and during this recent tragedy.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
Enclosure

October 21, 1958

Mr. F. Ray Marshall
Department of Economics
College of Commerce
Louisiana State University
Baton Rouge 3, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I will be happy to offer such help as I can as you prepare to work on the Fund for the Republic's study of racial practices in unions. So far as I now know, I will be in my office November 20th and 21st. I would welcome a visit with you and an opportunity to learn what you are proposing as a study and the kinds of information which you have already uncovered.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

October 22, 1958

Dr. H. Franklin Williams
University of Miami
Miami, Florida

Dear Dr. Williams:

Thank you for granting us permission through Nathaniel Perlmutter to reprint your speech. We are mailing you, under separate cover, twelve copies of the New South in which your speech appeared. If you need additional copies, please let me know.

Again thanks.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 22, 1958

Mr. John V. P. Lassoe, Jr.
N. A. I. R. O.
152 West 43nd Street
Room 1508
New York 36, New York

Dear John:

I surrender.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check #4771, $15.00 - for
NAIRO Membership Dues)

October 22, 1958

The Honorable William P. Rogers
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Rogers:

We are grateful for your clear and forceful speeches interpreting the issue involved in the school integration controversy.

I thought you would like to see the enclosed copy of our monthly publication New South, in which we have reprinted substantial portions of your address to the American Bar Association.

With best personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

cc: The Honorable W. Wilson White

VIA AIR MAIL October 22, 1958

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

I have just recalled with chagrin that I never wrote you about securing a Pittsburgh participant for the forthcoming seminar on race relations for the Resident Foreign Correspondents Project. My apologies.

For whatever it may be worth at this late date, I was going to suggest that you be in touch with Mr. George Culberson, the executive director of the Pittsburgh Commission on Human Relations.

Incidentally, I am planning to arrive in Pittsburgh on Capital, Flight #84, arriving at 8:40 p. m., November 7. (This assumes, of course, that Capital service will be normal again by that time.)

I am looking forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 22, 1958

Mr. Carlton Parker
Executive Secretary
Southern Area Student Council
Y. M. C. A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Mr. Parker:

Please accept my best wishes as you assume your new duties here. I hope we may have an opportunity to get acquainted soon.

I understand that you may be seeking a suitable person to replace Paul Rilling as associate secretary. A few months ago, we received an application from the Rev. John S. Hurt, Jr., who was highly recommended to us. Although we were favorably impressed by his background and our interview with him, unfortunately the opening we had in mind did not materialize. In any case, I thought you might like to see the enclosed letter which he wrote us at that time, briefly summarizing his qualifications for work in the race relations field.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

October 23, 1958

Mr. Wright G. Baker
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Baker:

In regard to your letter of the 22nd, we will be happy to arrange for the visit of Mr. Isaac Katz for November 4 - 7.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 24, 1958

Mrs. Helen Coulborn
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Coulborn:

We are most grateful for your considerable help to Dr. Gericke during his Atlanta visit and for the evening in your home which you provided for him and Mrs. Nakanishi. Such help is well beyond the call of duty and we are aware of that fact.

As we agreed earlier, we will be happy to reimburse you such expenses as encountered. If you will let me know the amount, we'll get a check off to you.

Again, our thanks.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 24, 1958

Mr. Malcolm H. Christian
Box 6301 Main Post Office
Chicago 7, Illinois

Dear Mr. Christian:

I regret that we have not earlier acknowledged receipt of your manuscript, "Let My People Go," which you were kind enough to send us some time ago.

Your manuscript is being circulated among our staff and we all find it interesting and thoughtfully written. Quite obviously, you have put a great deal of time into this work. We have found it all the more interesting since not only do we come in for our share of attention from the Citizens' Councils and like groups, but we are quite familiar with their pamphlets on which you base your work.

If you have occasion to circulate other of your works, we would be most grateful to receive copies. And, we are indeed grateful that you have shared "Let My People Go" with us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

October 24, 1958

Mr. J. M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Wonder of wonders, the enclosed letter and an accompanying check from the Taconic Foundation came in today quite unheralded and unsolicited. In fact, we had never heard of the Taconic Foundation or Mr. Currier and don't find them listed in our foundation directory.

If this was not the result of your efforts, I do have a notion of how the contribution may have come about. Not long ago, I received a telegram from Lloyd Garrison (whom I know as a member of the Field Foundation board) asking for information to use with an unnamed prospective donor to SRC. If I hear from you that the contribution is a surprise to you, too, I will write Mr. Garrison on the assumption that he made it possible.

I'm enclosing a draft letter of acknowledgment for your signature. Of coure, I anticipate that you will revise or rewrite it in any way that you wish. Our official receipt is also enclosed, to be forwarded with your letter.

Sorry I was tied up with a Civil Rights Commission staff member the night of your speech at Emory. All accounts of it are enthusiastic.

Best regards,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 2

October 24, 1958

Mr. Stephen R. Currier
President
Taconic Foundation, Inc.
666 Fifth Avenue
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Currier:

I can't tell you how grateful we are to you and the other directors of the Taconic Foundation for your generous contribution to the Southern Regional Council. The fact that the contribution was unexpected makes us all the more appreciative.

Particularly in these difficult times, the friendship and support that come to us unsolicited are the most heartening of all.

We shall be sending you periodic reports on our work, and I hope you will call on us for any additional information in which you and your associates would be interested.

I am occasionally in New York, as is the Council's Executive Director, Harold Fleming. When opportunity permits, I hope that one or both of us may have the pleasure of meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

James M. Dabbs
President

JMD/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

October 24, 1958

Mr. Milton C. Rose
Secretary
William C. Whitney Foundation
20 Broad Street
New York 5, New York

Dear Mr. Rose:

Thank you for the heartening news that the William C. Whitney Foundation has approved a grant of $5,000 to the Southern Regional Council in 1959. This assurance of renewed support is tremendously valuable to us as we plan the Council's program for the coming year. It is also especially timely, since our Annual Meeting takes place on November 11.

The method of payment proposed is perfectly satisfactory. We understand that a full report on program activities and finances will be expected at the end of the current grant year and of that forthcoming. We shall also continue to send you interim reports from time to time.

With appreciation and kindest regards to you and the other directors of the Foundation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL October 24, 1958

Mr. K. M. Chrysler
U. S. News and World Report
2300 "N" Street, N. W.
Washington 7, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chrysler:

A check of our files reveals very little in the way of county-by-county population figures since the 1950 census. Enclosed are published between-census estimates for Georgia, Arkansas, and Kentucky (which is probably not in your range of interest). As you will see, the Arkansas figures are for age 21 and over only.

I take it you are planning to compute the change from rural to urban by totaling the county figures in each category and comparing with the comparable totals for 1950.

Sorry we can't be of more help.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

October 24, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Miss Dorcas Ruthenberg
Courier Journal, WHAS
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Dorcas:

We have discussed the requests-for-aid from all the state organizations and we feel we need more specific information about the program plans of the Kentucky Council for 1959.

Could you please elaborate on your recent letter to Harold; or, if possible could you meet with a small group - say Dr. Atwood, Hugh Brimm, C. H. Parrish, Mansir Tydings, and Charlie Steele - to hammer out such a proposal.

We feel that the following points are important:

1) What is the current situation in Kentucky? Likely developments in 1959?

2) What is the proposed program of the Kentucky Council? How does it relate to the above?

3) How do you plan to finance this effort? What part of the budget do you expect from SRC?

Could we please have this in our office by Monday, November 3rd. I recognize the time is short but we need the information a week prior to SRC's Annual Meeting.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
cc Dr. Rufus Atwood
Enclosure - 1 (Memorandum)

October 24, 1958

Library
Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156 Acklen Station
Nashville 12, Tennessee

Gentlemen:

With reference to your recent request as to the status of your subscription to NEW SOUTH, we are sending each month two complimentary copies.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

October 24, 1958

Mr. Gerald C. Speidel
2666 Jefferson Park Circle
Charlottesville, Virginia

Dear Gerry:

Your note on our "dunning letter" for New South renewal has come to my attention. You indicate that you have a life membership. Could this be with the Virginia Council on Human Relations? We do not have such membership in SRC. Whether your continuing subscription is covered by your membership in the Virginia Council is a matter to be decided there. Perhaps the Virginia Council intends to renew your subscription and has neglected to send us the renewal notice.

In any case, we will send a copy of this letter to the state office, and you might wish to get clarification on the matter from Paul Rilling, the Executive Director.

We are sorry for the confusion, and continue appreciative of what you mean to the Virginia scene.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls
cc Paul Rilling

October 24, 1958

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the materials. It's the sort of stuff we want.

The Annual Meeting of the Council (the Board) will be in Atlanta November 11th. Thus far we have not heard from the following North Carolina members: Dr. S. E. Duncan, Mr. Harry L. Golden, Rev. E. A. Penick, and Dr. Raymond Wheeler. The other North Carolina members have indicated whether or not they will be able to be with us.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

VIA AIR MAIL October 24, 1958

Mr. Frank Loescher
414 S. 46th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

As you will have heard, Gericke's stay here was cut even shorter by his decision to go to Jacksonville before visiting Hodding Carter. But his stay here was a very good one, from our point of view, and I suspect from his, too. I thought you might like to have a brief run-down on it.

First, everybody who dealt with him found Gericke an extremely likable and impressive person. Though his position on South African race relations is a fairly conservative one, he maintains it honorably and persuasively.

Unfortunately, I had less time with him than I would have wished -- mainly because I was on jury duty all this week. However, we had him to dinner *en famille* Saturday evening. Jane and her mother, who was visiting us, were delighted with him and with the discussion. You'll be interested to know that Gary and Tony took to him like an old friend; we couldn't have been more surprised.

Since Gericke stayed at Atlanta University the first few days, he had ample opportunity to meet Dr. Clement and others there. Sunday he was entertained at dinner by the Coulborns (white A. U. faculty members) and their guests. The only jarring note of the whole visit, as far as I know, was Rushton Coulborn's apparently rather rude attack on Gericke's views. I later explained that Rushton behaves this way chronically; in any case, Gericke seemed more entertained than upset by the episode.

Fred Routh had Gericke in tow for most of his time here this week. Fred got him together with, among others, the (quite conservative) dean of the Emory Theology School for a spirited discussion, in which Gericke acquitted himself very well. Also with a businessman named Culpepper, who is the very model of an "intelligent segregationist"; I gather that Gericke found this one of the most interesting conversations he had here. Even Fred was impressed by Mr. Culpepper's gentlemanly moderation. You might be interested to know that we arranged this interview through a staff member of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce.

As you know, everything was cleared for the visits with Hodding Carter and with Vernon Eagle in Chicago.

We liked your first exchange, and I for one acquired from him some helpful insight into the South African situation. I hope you and he will feel his Southern swing was as successful as we are inclined to rate it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

P. S. Hope your trip to Chapel Hill was a pleasant one for you both.

HCF

October 27, 1958

Miss Lois Reeves
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee, Alabama

Dear Miss Reeves:

Won't you hurry and send us a copy of the message you gave to the women of the Fellowship of the Concerned, so that we may mimeograph it and put it with the gleanings that are to be mailed out.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly,signed in her absence)

October 27, 1958

Reverend Caxton Doggett
125 North Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

We are very grateful to you for making the strenuous trip to Atlanta and giving us the wonderful message to The Fellowship of The Concerned.

We have the manuscript of the message you gave to the Florida women. Are there any changes you want made in the message? If you will let us hear from you at an early date, it will be mimeographed and sent to those who were present.

It was so nice to have both you and Mrs. Doggett with us. Thank you for your presence and best wishes always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

October 27, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

I don't know how to thank you for giving so much time to the workshop of The Fellowship of The Concerned. I was most appreciative of your presence, your help, and especially of the message you gave to us.

I should have asked you for your manuscript that day. I hope you preserved it for we want to mimeograph it and enclose it with the gleanings that will be sent to the women.

I am leaving for Denver for the Assembly of the United Church Women, so I would appreciate it if you would send your message to Miss Luel Cummings, who as you know is my secretary and she will mimeograph it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

October 27, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

October 1 marked the end of SRC's one-year internship project made possible by the New World Foundation. We are most grateful for this special support and feel it proper to give you an accounting and evaluation of the project.

To this end, I am enclosing a memorandum prepared by Fred Routh, the staff member charged with direct supervision of our intern. I think it is an accurate and balanced appraisal of the project.

While we are far from feeling that the internship was an unqualified success, developments since my last oral report have caused us to revise our estimate upward. There is a good possibility that Machion Garrison, through his year as intern with us, has been equipped to play a pioneer role in a new area of employment on merit. Certainly the fact that he secured his present position is largely attributable to his experience with the Southern Regional Council.

Again, our appreciation to the New World Foundation for making this project possible.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Internship Project Report)

October 27, 1958

Mr. Lloyd K. Garrison
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Mr. Currier's welcome letter forwarding the Taconic Foundation's check for $2,500 arrived Friday. My first thought was that we were unquestionably indebted to you for this generous and unexpected assistance. I am glad to have confirmation of that fact, so that I can express our deep and lasting appreciation.

As Mr. Dabbs says in his letter of acknowledgment, a copy of which is enclosed, unanticipated support to the Council's work confers a double blessing. We value it not only for the much needed material aid, but also for the friendship and confidence it represents.

We shall, of course, keep both you and Mr. Currier informed of the program efforts which this grant will help make possible.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1
(Dabbs ltr. of 10/24/58 to Stephen R. Currier, President of Taconic Foundation, Inc.)

October 27, 1958

Mr. Charles H. Slayman, Jr.
Chief Counsel and Staff Director
Committee on the Judiciary
Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Slayman:

Thank you for your letter of October 15 and the copy of the reprint of the records of the public hearings conducted last year by the Subcommittee. If more are available, as you suggested, we would very much appreciate an additional six copies.

As I work for the Southern Regional Council only from time to time on special projects, I am turning your letter over to Mr. Harold Fleming, Executive Director, for a reply; he is much better informed than I on the entire field of civil rights.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Margaret Price

MP/mf

Memo FROM THE DESK OF **FRED ROUTH**

27 Oct '58

Note:

To all appropriate personnel -

Irv. Schulman's address in New Orleans is:

Anti Defamation League
606 Common Street.
New Orleans, La.
Ph. JAckson 2-5241

MF - Card file change - please.

Circular file (daily reading, That is)

October 28, 1958

Mr. David Estes
Emory University
Atlanta 22, Georgia

Dear David:

Enclosed is our check for $460.31; the $400 consultant fee and the remaining $60.31 for expenses.

As I mentioned last night, we are of the opinion that you have done an excellent job and we are more than pleased. I hope that an occasion will arise which will enable us to work together again.

If we can be of any help to you, by all means call on us.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check #4785, $460.31)

October 28, 1958

Mrs. Ruth H. Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer
Southern Regional Council, Inc.
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Ruth:

There were eight waiters who served the meals to us at Clark College at the meeting of The Fellowship of the Concerned. Do you think that they ought to have three dollars a piece? If you do, please send them a check.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

Mrs. M. E. Tilly

/c

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

COPY OF SAME LETTER SENT TO:
Bureau of Vital Statistics in Columbia, South Carolina and Jackson, Miss.

October 29, 1958

Bureau of Vital Statistics
State Department of Health
Austin 1, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please send a copy of your most recently prepared state population figures, with a county by county and, if possible, a racial breakdown. If this data cannot be supplied by your office, I would appreciate your letting me know where it might be obtained.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

October 29, 1958

Miss Victoria Van Hoof
4913 Winnequah Road
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Van Hoof:

Under separate cover we are forwarding a copy of our publication, Changing Patterns in the New South. Pages 70 through 79 contain material which should be useful in your class discussion of integration in the armed services. Excellent and more detailed information can be found in a book which should be available through your city library, The Negro Potential, by Eli Ginzberg, Chapter IV: The Negro Soldier, P. 61.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

October 29, 1958

Mr. M. A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Wright:

The draft of your speech for NAIRO, which I am returning, is up to your invariably high standard and is admirably suited to that audience. My only suggestion is one that I believe I have made previously.

On page 12 you state that integrationists are now more militant than ever, then proceed to illustrate this by such examples as the public statement issued by the sixty-one lawyers of Little Rock. I doubt that these persons and others of their stripe can accurately be called integrationists, even though the effect of their actions may be to advance school desegregation or integration. The new recruits to our cause are mainly persons who, while declining to take a partisan position on integration as such, commit themselves to compliance with law and preservation of the public schools. If you should change the word on page 12, you might also want to consider changing "integration" on page 13.

Fred Routh, whose handwritten note is enclosed, makes similar suggestions along this line.

I am also returning the fine letters which resulted from your Cincinnati speech. The people who wrote you are high quality, and you might likely conclude that your speech was a hit. We are always interested in such evidence of your effectiveness, since confirmation of one's own views is always pleasant.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

P. S. I have not yet seen the November Progressive but I am looking forward to reading your review of Mr. Dabbs' book.

HCF

Same ltr. to Dr. C. G. Gomillion

October 29, 1958

Dr. Harry V. Richardson
President
Gammon Theological Seminary
1 McDonough Boulevard
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Richardson:

This is to inform you of the actions to date resulting from the meeting of the Nominating Committee. Those present were very sorry that they did not have the pleasure of your sound judgment, and I am sure they would be happy to have any reactions or further suggestions that you might want to contribute.

The Committee decided to recommend to the Annual Meeting the re-election of Mr. Dabbs as president, as well as the re-election of the three current vice-presidents, the legal counsel, and the executive committee.

Since there will only be eight (8) vacancies to be filled on the board, the decisions on these nominations were difficult ones. After much discussion, the following persons were agreed upon as first choices for the eight positions:

MR. ERIC SEVEREID, noted radio and television commentator, Fairfax, Virginia; REV. THOMAS THRASHER, chairman of the Alabama Council on Human Relations, Montgomery, Alabama; MR. WILLIAM JESSE KENNEDY, Jr., President, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, Durham, North Carolina; MR. LEE THOMAS, Jr., President, American Saw and Tool Company, Louisville, Kentucky; MR. HARRY ELSAN, Businessman, Atlanta, Georgia; MR. A. G. GASTON, Businessman, Birmingham, Alabama; DR. H. FRANKLIN WILLIAMS, Vice-President, University of Miami, Coral Gables, Florida; MR. LUCIUS BURCH, Attorney, Memphis, Tennessee; MR. THOMAS F. BOUSHALL, Banker, Richmond, Virginia.

Some of these persons have been approached formally to see if they would be willing to serve, and it is expected that others will be approached before our annual meeting on November 11. So far, Mr. Thrasher and Mr. Thomas have agreed that they will serve if elected; Mr. Burch has declined the nomination.

The Nominating Committee designated several alternates to replace any who should decline. At the top of the alternate list are MISS ALICE COBB of Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee; MR. PHILIP STERN, newspaper editor of Arlington, Virginia; and DR. FRANK DANIEL, Physician, Charlottesville, Virginia.

The Committee as well as the staff will appreciate your comments and reactions.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1958

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

Thanks for your letter of October 27 concerning the possible hardship case.

I discussed this with Art Levin and one or two others here, and they share my view that this case falls outside the scope of interest of the Interagency Conference.

Do you know if the lady in question has had any help from the ACLU? It seems to me that her case is one in which they might be interested.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1958

Dr. Walter S. Corrie, Jr., Head
Department of Sociology
University of Chattanooga
Chattanooga 3, Tennessee

Dear Dr. Corrie:

Thank you for your letter of October 27th, your request for materials, and your kind comments concerning our publications.

We are sending you, under separate cover, copies of the materials you requested plus some additional things I believe you will find helpful.

New South subscriptions are now $2.00 per year, but your check covers the cost. I mention the new price here only because you indicate there will be additional subscriptions forthcoming. We are also including a number of publication listings which will help you and your students in additional requests.

Again thanks for your interest and best wishes in your work.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bec

October 29, 1958

Mrs. Bee Wild
Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Bee:

Harold, I believe, talked with you on the telephone concerning a request for the film, "The Face of the South" for Mrs. Myra J. Bryant for the date November 6. We are informing Mrs. Bryant that the film will be sent to her if it is returned from St. Louis in time. So will you please reserve the November 6, date for Mrs. Bryant and fill it if any way possible. Her address is 432 - 12th Terrace, North, Birmingham, Alabama.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

October 29, 1958

Mr. Milton E. Krents
Director
Radio and Television
The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Milton:

Thanks for putting in your licks with the College Press Conference officials. I am sorry it didn't work out this time, but I appreciate your willingness to keep an eye out for future programs in which Mr. Dabbs might be used. I think he is an admirable spokesman for the "other point of view" down here.

I will hope to hear from you often as opportunities for good work with the media arise.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1958

Mr. Eric Larrabee
Executive Editor
American Heritage
551 Fifth Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Eric:

Delighted to have word of you on your new stationery. From what I know of American Heritage and you, the new position sounds exactly right.

I am long overdue for a meeting with your associate Bob Reynolds. It seems to me that we have been corresponding about such a get-together for a year or more. The fact that you two are in the same bailiwick will give me an added incentive when I am next in New York.

I can't claim that American heritage is flourishing down here just now, but it does constitute the hope of a fair number of dissenters like me. So do make an effort to include Atlanta in your travels. Jane and I will maintain a hopeful expectancy.

All the best to you and

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 29, 1958

Miss Mary Alice Baldinger
Executive Director
National Civil Liberties Clearing House
1637 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mary Alice:

It was good to have your recent letter. I have waiting this long to reply in the hope that I might get enough considered judgment on the Louisiana statute to be helpful to you.

Actually, at least for the time being, the statute does not affect us. The reason is that we are between local affiliates in Louisiana. Our former affiliate, the Louisiana Council on Human Relations, folded up from the pack with the understanding that a strong New Orleans Human Relations group would be organized. This is going to happen, but the New Orleans group will not be formally launched until after the turn of the year. The people we know there that will have to make this decision - and whose judgment we would rely on - are representatives of the other national organizations which participate in the Civil Liberties Clearing House. Since you will be getting their thinking in due course, I won't try to duplicate it from here. But if I do learn anything in the near future that would have an important bearing on this matter, I will pass it on to you. And I will be looking forward with interest to any analysis or advise that may be forthcoming from your next meeting. Unfortunately, we are approaching our own annual meeting early in November, so I am stuck here with all the paper work and folderol involved in preparation for the yearly policy-making. I wish I could be with you on November 5. God willing, I will make one of the meetings in the near future.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 30, 1958

Mrs. Dorothy Gage
College Editorial Department
Scott, Foresman and Company
433 East Erie Street
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Gage:

We should be very happy to have you use Dr. Mays' paper "The Moral Aspects of Segregation" as reprinted by the Southern Regional Council.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 31, 1958

Honorable W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. White:

We are glad to give such help as we can to your quest for research material on desegregation procedures of public schools. The Southern Regional Council itself has made no comprehensive survey on this subject, and I know of no unpublished material of ours that would be pertinent.

I am enclosing, however, a list of books, pamphlets, and articles which deal in one way or another with the process of school desegregation. Undoubtedly your staff has or knows of most of these publications. Those marked with an asterisk are available from the Southern Regional Council, and we shall be glad to forward copies of any which you do not already have. The others can be secured from the sponsoring publishers or library facilities.

You should know of one major study that is going on. This is a broad scale survey of the educational and administrative aspects of public school desegregation, financed by the Fund for the Advancement of Education and carried out by

Commission No. 5 of Phi Delta Kappa, the professional educational society. The chairman of the Commission is Dean J. B. White of the School of Education at the University of Florida, and assisting the Commission is an advisory committee of school superintendents experienced in the desegregation process. I am told that the findings of this survey are expected to be published soon after the turn of the year, perhaps in January 1959. While I have not seen any of the findings, I should think this would be the most comprehensive study of its kind since the project reported in The Negro and the Schools and Schools in Transition. The latter volume, published in 1954 and based on experiences in non-Southern communities, is still the most useful analysis of these problems.

Do call on us if we can be of further help.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Bibliography - Techniques of Desegregation)

October 31, 1958

Mr. John Scanlon
Fund for the Advancement of
Education
575 Madison Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear John:

It was good to renew communication with you the other day.

I should like to take you up on your generous offer to supply us with more copies of The Louisville Story. Our supply has been steadily diminishing since this is one of the most popular items we have for distribution. Thanks in advance for any further quantities you would like to turn loose.

Incidentally, this coming Monday night there will be an occasion for a very useful distribution of The Louisville Story. Omer Carmichael is speaking at Emory University to a group of educators and community leaders. This is one of John Griffin's community education programs which has attracted a lot of favorable attention, and we are glad to be able to make Carmichael's book available in connection with it.

All the best to you and my other good friends there.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 31, 1958

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

I have just had an opportunity to read the manuscript of Bill Peters' forthcoming book, and I thought I should let you know that I am favorably impressed even beyond my original expectations.

Peters has done an extraordinarily thorough and accurate job of documenting those aspects of Southern race relations which are seldom publicized and even more seldom understood. This is in general the story that experienced observers of the Southern scene know but lack either the time or competence to tell effectively to the nation as a whole.

When we first discussed the idea of the book, I was thinking of it as one aimed at a rather special and limited audience. Having read the manuscript, I am inclined to feel it's potentially a best seller or something like it. The literate American public is, in my opinion, pretty sick of the hopeless and degraded side of this story, which is mostly what they read in their newspapers and magazines. If they can become aware of this book, I think they will respond to it with enthusiasm.

Of course, you are the guy who will have to figure out how to make "the public" aware and interested, and I know that is not easy. But I would want to let you know that I think you've really got a good piece of merchandise to sell.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 31, 1958

Professor Mildred I. Morgan
Department of Home and Family Life
Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Mrs. Morgan:

Although we own copies of the film, "Face of the South," they are distributed by the regional office of the Anti-Defamation League here in Atlanta. The ADL will send you a copy of the film for preview at your request, if one of the prints is free at the time you wish to have it. I suggest that you write directly to them:

Anti-Defamation League
41 Exchange Place, S. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

It is my understanding that the film will be sent to you without charge for preview purposes. The regular fee is nominal - $1.50.

The film is quite useful and I am sure that you will be able to make satisfactory arrangements for previewing and scheduling with the ADL office.

Please let us know if there is any other way we can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

October 31, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: Mrs. Knox

From: Emory Via

Re: Mr. Al Gross

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Al Gross has recently become the business agent for local #122 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union here in Atlanta. His phone number is JA 2-7696. His business address is:

187½ Trinity Avenue, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Mr. Gross is a non-Southerner who has been working in the region for several years now. He is not yet fully conversant with the Atlanta labor scene but he will be interested in human relations activities. I think it would be good to send him information on both the Georgia and Atlanta Councils. Also, any public or semi-public activities of these groups would be appropriate occasions to extend him an invitation to attend.

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October 31, 1958

Mr. John E. Cosgrove
Assistant Director of Education
AFL-CIO
815 16th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear John:

Some time ago you asked if I would be available for schools or conferences outside of the South such as the Rocky Mountain Labor School. You are quite right that normally I limit myself to work in the South; however, occasionally I have accepted out of the South engagements when there was no conflict with program here and especially if it involved problems of the South, civil rights and liberties, or race relations.

However, the thing which you will most need to know is that I will be leaving the Council at the end of this year. This decision has come about with some suddeness and it has been one which was extremely difficult for me to make. I will be going to the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin, accepting an offer which I considered too good to turn down. I will have some opportunity to combine my workers education and political science training. All in all it is a most attractive proposition. However, I find leaving the South and the specific job here at the Southern Regional Council difficult and not a little heart-rending.

Within the limits of my new position, which I do not think will be too severe, I will be available for other programs if you felt I could be of service. Certainly my interest in the South, and in civil rights problems generally, will continue if this is of any special interest.

It was good to hear from you. Best personal wishes.

Sincerely and fraternally,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

October 31, 1958

Mrs. Phern Stanley, Clerk
Atlanta Friends Meeting
525 Avery Street
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Phern Stanley:

I have heard from time to time of the plans of the local Friends group to establish a Friends Center in Atlanta. I am sure the success of this undertaking will greatly contribute to the effectiveness of the Friends as they give practical expression to their religious and social concerns.

It is my understanding that the facilities you secure would, among other things, provide a place for meetings and small conferences without any racial distinctions in what might be called "neutral" territory. Your proposals for providing a base for hospitality and meetings with foreign visitors to our city as well as offering some services in scheduling their activities is one that points up a great local need. Especially with visitors of color, Atlanta has frequently failed to give a warm reception free of the burdens of discrimination even in the personal dealings of the visitor.

If the local Friends would undertake the scheduling of socio-economic tours of the Atlanta area for visitors and local residents, as proposed, it would be a great boon to the understanding of many of our current social problems.

I hear that you have already incorporated, are refining program proposals, and that the trustees are beginning to actively seek funds to support the endeavor. This sounds as if you are moving ahead and we wish you every success in your efforts.

A center such as you propose would surely be a great service to Atlanta, and those of us here at the Council look forward to the time when we will be able to work with you on programs of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

October 31, 1958

Mrs. Kay Hocking
1146 Lullwater Road, N. E.
Atlanta 7, Georgia

Dear Kay:

Our warmest thanks to you and Richard, both for your personal contribution to the Council's work, and for the recommendation to your friend. We wish that all of the Council's friends were as diligent in our behalf.

I was very pleased to learn today that Richard has agreed to accept nomination as vice-chairman of the Georgia Council on Human Relations.

With best regards to you both,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

October 31, 1958

Mr. Ben Segal, Director
Education Department
I. U. E.
1126 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Ben:

Emory has shared with me your letter of October 29, and I wanted to let you know that we appreciate your inclination to apply $2,000 of the Trade Union Program's funds to SRC's support in 1959.

I am fully in accord with Emory's analysis of what SRC may be expected to do or not do in the field of labor in the coming year. We are, of course, very sorry to lose Emory. But I feel as you did that he could hardly afford to turn down so fine a long-run opportunity.

As the end of the year approaches and you want us to transmit the funds, please drop me a line giving me your formal instructions and I will act accordingly.

I hope we will be together again one day soon.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 31, 1958

Mr. Donald Oberdorfer
Washington Office - Charlotte Observer
1286 National Press Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Don:

Thanks for sending me your series on Norfolk. This is good stuff and is in fact the kind of thing our fellow Atlantians ought to be considering.

I am glad you are planning to dig in on the work of the Civil Rights Commission, especially with relation to their state advisory groups. Henry Shine was here recently and told me of your conversation with him. When you get ready to move on this, I will be glad to help if I can.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

October 31, 1958

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

The attached letter from Rabbi Prinz of the American Jewish Congress, came to you here. As is our custom with mail to the President not clearly of a personal nature, we open to see if it requires any action by the staff.

You may want to comply with Rabbi Prinz's request. We can see no harm in it, and it might be some positive effort. In any case, from the staff's point of view whatever you decide will be fine.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

P. S. I am returning the original of the excellent letters in the Sumter paper. Also enclosed is a copy of a letter from Lloyd Garrison clearing up the question of the Taconic Foundation grant. I have written Garrison a letter of warm thanks.

HF

October 31, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

You will have received by now our memorandum to the board giving final details of the Annual Meeting and the dinner on the evening of the 10th. I trust you approve of the arrangements.

We have made no agenda for the dinner. Our thought was that this could be a pleasant and relaxed occasion suitable for a few informal remarks and general discussion. It would be most appropriate if you could start the ball rolling with a brief talk on where we stand, what we should be especially conscious of, and anything else that is uppermost in your mind.

So that you can see the kind of group we may expect, I am enclosing a list of the board with a check beside those who have indicated that they will be present for the dinner.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure -ml

October 31, 1958

Mr. John Popham
Chattanooga Times
Chattanooga, Tennessee

Dear Pop:

This is to remind you of the dinner for our board members and some friends on the evening of November 10. It's scheduled for the Atlanta University dining room, beginning at 7:00 p.m. So that you can see the kind of people we expect to be present, I am also enclosing a list of our board members. I do not have to tell you that we would be delighted if you could make it.

I have just talked to Claude Sitton about our voting story and he tells me that you and he talked last night. I think the piece will be pretty good and appreciate, as always, your interest in it.

If I do not see you on the 10th, I hope to before much longer.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Board List)

October 31, 1958

Mr. Herbert Hill
Labor Secretary
N. A. A. C. P.
New York 18, New York

Dear Herbert:

My letter of October 14th was not meant to be cryptic except that I did not know finally what my future arrangements would be. For a number of reasons, mainly related to the practicalities of my personal circumstances, I am accepting an offer with the School for Workers at the University of Wisconsin. The assumption is that after clearing up my Ph. D. I would have a joint appointment with the Political Science department. Since this is work for which I am specifically prepared and in which I have a great deal of interest, and since the offer was an extremely good one and the university is a good place to work from, I felt that I should take the opportunity when it presented itself. I was most reluctant to decide to leave the South and the Southern Regional Council. Certainly the work here has an interest level and sense of urgency which is not likely to be equalled elsewhere.

So you can see that it was not the national AFL-CIO civil rights job that was in the offing. And as much as I appreciate the endorsement, I thought we had already agreed that your endorsement was likely to be "the kiss of death" with most labor groups. Of course this "agreement" took place after your suggesting me and I raise it only as an observation and not as a chastisement. The tone of voice tells all and you are not here to hear.

I trust that you will be able to do some follow-up work regarding my last letter and am glad to see that you are interested in it. My departure from Atlanta will come around the end of December; you might wish to keep this date in mind in case there is anything you want from me before I leave SRC.

Best personal wishes.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant

EFV:ls

P. S. Since this was dictated I have received a copy of your letter to Pitts. Good.

EV

November 3, 1958

Mr. S. Keith Anderson
Executive Secretary
Montana Taxpayers' Association
P. O. Box 577
Helena, Montana

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We are in receipt of your letter of October 14th, directed to Mr. Harold C. Fleming, requesting information on taxes levied in the state. Unfortunately, we are not able to supply this information since the Council is a private organization which does not deal in matters of this nature.

Perhaps the information you seek can be obtained from the Department of Revenue of the State of Georgia, Atlanta.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 3, 1958

Mrs. Miriam C. Burney
Treasurer
Northeast Florida Council on
Human Relations
1187 W. 10th Street
Jacksonville 9, Florida

Dear Mrs. Burney:

Enclosed you will find our check for $75.00 representing the contribution of that amoung from Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Mason Dreger.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check No. 4811, $75.00)

November 3, 1958

Miss Grace Marr
Assistant Executive Secretary
Intergroup Relations
American Nurses' Association, Inc.
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Grace:

Thanks for your note of October 28 requesting a copy of Harry Ashmore's "The Untold Story Behind Little Rock." I am sending it along. I am also enclosing a reprint from the Washington Post and Times-Herald by Irving Brant which I think you will find of interest.

I was shocked at the formality of the "Dear Mr. Routh" in your letter. Wha' happened?

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf
Enclosures

November 3, 1958

Miss Louise C. Floyd
Administrative Assistant
American Civil Liberties Union
170 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Miss Floyd:

Thanks for your letter of October 31st with the list of our state officers to whom you plan to send the ACLU's Annual Report. I am sending you an up-to-date list and am also returning the old one since you have several marks on it.

All good regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure - 2 (Lists of cooperating state organizations)

November 3, 1958

Dr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Picott:

It was a real pleasure to participate in the Annual Meeting of the Virginia Teachers Association. The audience was interested and attentive and I found the experience stimulating.

The costs of my trip are being divided among several organizations. VTA's share is $62.50; I hope you think my contribution to the meeting was worth that much.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 3, 1958

Mr. Arnold Aronson
Consultative Conference on Desegregation
55 West 42nd Street
New York 36, New York

Dear Arnie:

It was a real pleasure to be with the Jewish Community Relations group in Richmond. Aaron Goldman did a superb job of chairing the meeting and of getting all the participants heard.

Both Paul Rilling and I spoke briefly to the group; I outlined conditions in the region, and Paul within the state.

The expenses for my trip are being divided among several organizations. NCRAC's share is $62.50. I hope you feel my contribution was worth that much.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 3, 1958

Mr. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Court:

It was good to be with you and Lib while attending the Advisory Committee meeting of Penn Community Services. I found the group both interesting and stimulating.

As I explained to you, several organizations were helping on the costs of my trip. Penn's share is $25.00.

Best regards all around and please remember me to Mrs. Major and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBRls

November 3, 1958

Reverend Marion A. Boggs
Second Presbyterian Church
Third and Gaines Streets
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Boggs:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a dozen copies of the NEW SOUTH with your sermon. If we can be of additional service, please let us know.

With all best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 3, 1958

Miss Annie L. O'Neal
1743 North 19th Street
Philadelphia 21, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss O'Neal:

Your letter concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription has been referred to me.

Since your subscription order came in late in the month, it is customary to start your subscription with the following month's issue. An issue of NEW SOUTH should have reached you by this time or is in the mail to you. If, however, you do not receive a copy of NEW SOUTH in the next few days, please write to me personally and I will see that you get all issues since your subscription.

We appreciate your interest in our work and our publications.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

(Subscription
received Sept. 15, 1958
sent Oct. issue
RHA)

November 4, 1958

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
AFL-CIO Region VIII Director
216 Flatiron Building
705 Broadway, N. E.
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

Happy to have confirmation that you can be with us next week. The Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the 10th in the Board Room of Atlanta University. Should last about two hours.

The informal dinner and evening affair begins at 7:00. A reservation has been made for you for the night of the 10th at the AU dormitory.

Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 4, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement, President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Clement:

Enclosed is a proposed agenda for the Executive Committee meeting for your approval. The members are being reminded that the meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on the 10th in the Atlanta University board room.

We are now preparing the necessary materials for the meeting, including the proposals of the Personnel Committee. Mr. Fleming will supply you with a staff draft of your report to the full Council as Chairman of the Executive Committee.

If there are special preparations which you would like to have made please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs
Encl

November 4, 1958

Mr. James M. Dabbs
Rip Raps Plantation
Mayesville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Dabbs:

Enclosed is the proposed agenda for the Executive Committee meeting for your approval.

We are now preparing the necessary materials for the meeting, including the proposals of the Personnel Committee.

A reservation has been made for you at Atlanta University for the 10th. Look forward to seeing you then.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 4, 1958

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Ark.

Dear Mrs. Bates:

In response to your request for a travel advance please find enclosed our check for $80.00.

We are pleased that you can be with us and look forward to seeing you on the evening of the 10th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 4, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. John W. Davis, Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N.A.A.C.P. Legal Defense and
Educational Fund, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Mr. Davis:

My apologies for this delay in replying to your letter of October 24, but I wanted to be as certain as possible of my facts before writing.

We were virtually certain from the outset that there is no integration, either of pupils or teachers, in the parochial schools of Georgia. The results of our further inquiries support this negative conclusion.

While the Catholics have pioneered in integration in various parts of the South, they have so far done little in Georgia.

I should not have been so cautious about writing you if it were not for the current tendency, as you no doubt know, to make such changes as quietly and confidentially as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

November 4, 1958

Miss Nancy Kester
Associate Director, YWCA
University Memorial Center
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Miss Kester:

Although we do own two prints of the film, "Face of the South," it is distributed for us by the local office of the Anti-Defamation League. The rental fee is $1.50. A letter to them stating when you want the film is sufficient if the film is available. If it is not, they will suggest alternate dates. The address of the ADL is 41 Exchange Place, S. W., Atlanta, Georgia.

The film is quite useful. It reproduces a famous "map-talk" of George Mitchell, past Director of the Southern Regional Council, and combines with it excellent movie shots as illustrative material. The lecture itself is done in a Southern, folksy style. I am enclosing some materials which further describe this film.

Sincerely,

Emory F. Via
Labor Consultant
(Dictated by Mr. Via but signed in his absence.)

EFV:ls
Enclosures

November 4, 1958

The Bureau of Educational Research
The Howard University Press
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

Gentlemen:

Please send me one (1) copy of THE JOURNAL OF NEGRO EDUCATION, "The Negro Voter in the South," Volume XXVI, Summer, 1957, Number 3. Bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

November 5, 1958

Mrs. Mary B. Kerr
5365 A Carnarvon Drive
Norfolk 2, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Kerr:

Thank you for your letter of October 31, concerning the price of the pamphlet "Why Are You Fearful?" Single copies may be purchased at fifteen cents each and fifty or more copies at twelve cents per copy.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

(Dictated by Mrs. Tilly, signed in her absence)

November 5, 1958

Mr. Donald Beatty
State Supervisor
Bureau Of Unemployment Compensation
427 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus 16, Ohio

checked!

Dear Mr. Betty:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 4th to Mr. Routh, who is presently away from the office.

Mr. Routh will return to the office on November 6th. Your letter will be called to his attention at that time.

Sincerely,

Luleen Sandefur
Secretary to Mr. Routh

/ls

November 5, 1958

Rev. S. S. Seay
Executive Secretary
Montgomery Improvement Association, Inc.
530 South Union Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mr. Seay:

Thank you for your recent letter inviting me to participate in the Third Anniversary Celebration of MIA. I will be happy to participate in the celebration. Unfortunately, it will be necessary for MIA to bear the costs of my trip. If this is acceptable I will be pleased to come.

I would like some additional information: where the meeting is to take place; what time of day I am to speak; and what you want me to talk about.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls

November 5, 1958

Mr. William P. Mitchell, Secretary
Tuskegee Civic Association
P. O. Box 467
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your recent letter. I regret the delay in answering it but I have been out of town.

I will be pleased to speak to the Tuskegee Civic Association on February 8, 1959. Unfortunately, it will be necessary for the Association to pay my expenses. If this is acceptable, I will be glad to come.

I would like some additional information as to where the meeting will take place and what time I am to speak.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls

November 5, 1958

The American Jewish Committee
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Gentlemen:

Please send us fifteen copies of the pamphlet, "Bigotry in Action" and bill the Southern Regional Council for cost.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 5, 1958

Mrs. J. T. McCall
3728 West End Avenue
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Gertrude McCall:

The combined thanks of all of us could not adequately express the thanks of any of us for the plans you made for us to travel together to Denver.

My expense blank has come from the United Church Women and it seems I am required to have "substantially ? evidence" so you see I will need a receipt for the $55.00 for the bus travel. This seems rather silly to me because if I had gone by plane it would have been about three times as much. I think they ought to be so grateful that they would not ask for evidence.

Best wishes to you always.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 5, 1958

Mr. Richard H. Benson
Corresponding Secretary
The Greenville County Council on Human Relations
5 Overbrook Circle
Greenville, South Carolina

Dear Mr. Benson:

Your letter concerning newsletters of Human Relations organizations has been referred to me.

We are mailing you a copy of the names and addresses of various Human Relations organizations. We are not certain just which ones of these publish newsletters, but we are certain they would be glad to cooperate with you if you should desire to correspond with them.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL November 5, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 64th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thanks for your letter of October 29 on the fact-finding study, and the interesting chart you have prepared. I also have the copy of your letter to Clyde Sellers concerning the Montgomery bombings.

To comment first on the latter, the enclosed clip from the New York Times tells of the acquittal of the two men charged in the Montgomery bombings. This left standing a second charge of dynamiting against Britt, but on November 26, 1957, the state dropped this and charges against two other men accused of bombing a taxi stand and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy's home. At the same time, officials dropped the boycott indictments against 89 Negroes and appealed for restoration of racial harmony.

As for the alleged confessions of Britt and Livingston (to which Pearson evidently referred), the defense accused city police of using "coercion, intimidation and brutality" and maintained that the defendants did not make the statements voluntarily. The confessions were not introduced as signed documents, but through a police officer's testimony.

Regarding the other questions you raise, numbered correspondingly:

(1) The other two Negro churches damaged by bombs (listed under Alabama 5) were the Bell Street Baptist Church and the Mount Olive Church.

(3) The A.P., I.N.S., Atlanta Daily World, Christian Science Monitor, and New York Times all agree on the January 10, 1957 date for the Montgomery bombings and on other essential details. We don't have the Birmingham World story, so can't comment on the discrepancies to which you refer; but I should think it's the Birmingham World that is in error.

(4) The Beaumont, Texas, bombings were taken from the March, 1957, Southern School News, which would indicate they had occurred a month or so earlier, but it seems unlikely they would date back to November. Regarding the bombing of the place of business of a state senator, you will have noted that our item reports the bombing of a truck owned by State Senator Kilpatrick. This, also, is from SSN. The only other clipping available here, is one of January 30, 1957, from the Atlanta Daily World, which tells of the three bombings, apparently the previous day, in Beaumont. It refers to the bombing of the Kilpatrick flash storage company, along with the other two listed by SSN. However, we used the SSN story, both because the report was based on news in the general press entirely, and since it was assumed that the later SSN item was more likely to be correct because of the additional time for checking--hence, the senator's car rather than the business firm. It seems likely that the November 4 date in the transcript was incorrect.

(5) Edward Cline, 44, the man given two to 10 year prison sentence in the Clinton High bomb conspiracy. According to an INS story in the Atlanta Daily World of February 14, 1958, his attorney said he would appeal but we do not find any follow-up clippings.

(6) No conviction of the five KKK members charged in the Gaffney bombing of the Sanders home. Two were acquitted of charges of assault with intent to kill, two were no-billed earlier by the Cherokee County grand jury, and the fifth was killed accidentally when his car fell off a jack and crushed him.

I wish I could give you a publication date for the study. The latest publication plan (by the National Council of Churches) has just collapsed, and I must now re-poll the steering committee on how we are to proceed. As soon as I know definitely, I will write you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (N.Y. Times clip " 2 In Montgomery Freed in Bombing")

November 5, 1958

Mr. Richard Bailey
Political and Economic Planning
16 Queen Anne's Gate
London, S. W. 1, England

Dear Mr. Bailey:

I am an unpardonably long time in acknowledging your welcome letter and the article in the National Review which I read with great interest. I found it a very receptive piece of reporting and interpretation.

The Southern Regional Council has published almost nothing on labor problems in the South, but we do have a few materials published by others, which you may find of interest. I am having them sent to you under separate cover.

With all good wishes to you and your work,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Sent separately: Cong. Record Reprint
Midsummer Report of Activities, 1958
New South, Oct/1958
Wall St. Journal Reprint-2/14/58 "Religion and Race"
Publications Listing, SRC
Popham's, N.Y. Time Reprint, 12/1/57

November 5, 1958

Mr. Robert D. Nicholson
309 W. 106th Street
New York 25, New York

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Many thanks for your kind letter and contribution to the Southern Regional Council. This kind of appreciation from someone who has labored in the vineyard is deeply encouraging to us.

Your subscription to New South has been entered, and I am sending you separately a few of the materials which you may find of interest. Unfortunately, we do not publish an index to New South, but we will be glad, at any time, to supply you with information or material on any point that is of particular interest to you.

The film you mention is called "The Face of the South" and consists of an illustrated description "How the South Got This Way" by George Mitchell. It's distributed by the film section of the National Council of Churches and both entertaining and instructive. I hope you will have a chance to see it.

I will pass on your greeting to Ed Driscoll and Ed Lantz, and I know they will join me in kind regards to you and Mrs. Nicholson.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1958

Miss Helen Fuller
The New Republic
1244 - 19th Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Helen:

It will be good to see you. I have not been able to find out yet whether Morris and Phil will be available on Wednesday evening, but let's make it definite that I will meet you at the airport. Unless I hear from you further as to the specific flight on which you will arrive, I will be on hand at 8:00 o' clock with an eye on the baggage claim section.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 5, 1958

Mr. Harry Fleischman
National Labor Service
386 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for the minutes of the Mass Media Committee. You should have received by now copies of the New South containing Harry Ernst's article on the West Virginia press. If you feel that more should be done with it, let me know.

The Fact-finding Project is still up in the air. I talked to Oscar after our conversation, and he said we would have to negotiate further with his superiors about the publication of it. Maybe you can help push that situation along.

I won't be at the NAIRO conference, but I will hope to be able to make the December 2 meeting in New York. We have a lot to talk about, as always.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Bldg.
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

The Fund for the Republic has furnished us with 2,000 copies of the enclosed reprint from the Washington Post. Is this something you could use to good effect? If so, let me know how many copies you would like for distribution. We also think it's deserving for some distribution in the other states.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

November 5, 1958

Mr. Edward Reed
The Fund for the Republic, Inc.
60 East 42nd Street
New York 17, New York

Dear Ed:

Many thanks for the reprints of Irving Brant's article, which have arrived. We will probably distribute the largest part of them through the Virginia Council on Human Relations, though we would want to give it distribution in other parts of the South as well.

The very best as always.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1958

Mr. Henry M. Shine, Jr.
Special Assistant to the Staff Director
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Henry:

Thanks for your letter of October 24th. The materials you speak of have not arrived. I hope I may still expect them, since they sound most interesting.

When opportunity permits, I hope you will let me know how our common concerns are progressing down here.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1958

Mr. Richard Bailey
Political and Economic Planning
16 Queen Anne's Gate
London, S.W. 1, England

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With all good wishes to you and your work,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 5, 1958

Mr. Leonard Haas
Haas-Howell Building
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Haas:

I was saddened to read of the death of Mrs. Edwin Haas, Sr. Her generosity to the Council over the years, which you made possible, meant a great deal to us.

Our sympathy goes out to you and the other members of the family.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 5, 1958

Mr. Irving Knoll
Washington Post and Times-Herald
1515 "L" Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Knoll:

A quick check of our files for information on the "white flight to the suburbs" in Southern cities has turned up the enclosed. It would be possible, with considerably more effort, to document the trend more fully and in more places. But I am wondering whether these newspaper quotes may not serve your purpose adequately.

Also enclosed is a portion of a SCAD report on metropolitan New York and Syracuse, commenting on the same trend in those cities. Since school desegregation is no recent phenomenon there, as it is in Washington, this would also support our point.

If you decide to dig in more deeply on this subject, the book This Changing South by Maclachlan and Floyd (University of Florida Press, 1956) contains some relevant population analysis, based on the 1950 census.

Let us know if we can help further.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

Nashville, Tenn.

"Negroes now constitute 33.8 per cent of the city population, 18.9 per cent of the county, the survey [conducted by research department of city Chamber of Commerce] shows. Moreover, all of Nashville's increase since 1950 has been in the Negro population and there are actually 400 fewer white persons living in the city than there were eight years ago."

Undated clipping, Nashville Tennessean, 1958.

Charleston, S. C.

"Enrollment of colored pupils for the fall term in Charleston schools comprises 69 per cent of total enrollment, city school officials reported Friday... During the past five years, colored enrollment in Charleston's public schools has increased from 6,754 to 8,277. In the past year, white pupil enrollment decreased by 369 to 3,774... Officials said at the elementary school level, colored pupils outnumber whites by more than three to one."

Journal and Guide, September 27, 1958.

Atlanta, Georgia.

"Since 1955 white school enrollment has increased only 500," he [W. Wailes Thomas, chairman of the Metropolitan Population Committee of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce] said. "Negro enrollment has gone up 8,400. Our schools are 40 per cent Negro now and will probably be 50 per cent by 1961."

Atlanta Journal, June 13, 1958.

New York, N. Y.

"The present non-white population (Negro and Puerto Rican) is estimated at 8.7 per cent of the total [compared to 6.5 % in 1950] and according to the usually reliable statistics of the N. Y. State Commission Against Discrimination, Negroes and Puerto Ricans will make up one-third the population by 1970."

Journal and Guide, April 19, 1958.

November 5, 1958

Miss Judy Wootan
2994 Crestline Drive
Macon, Georgia

Dear Miss Wootan:

In reply to your letter of October 29th we are enclosing a listing of Cooperating State Organizations in the South. These agencies are no longer affiliates of the Council; they operate independently but in close cooperation with our organization.

The type and number of employees cannot be conclusively stated here. Staff set-ups vary from state to state, as do program activities and budget. An Executive Director, an Associate Director (both professionals in the field of human relations) and at least one full-time secretary would probably be considered an adequate minimum staff in most states. The agency staffs are responsible to a state board of directors, which formulates policy and program. I feel sure that each state will provide more detailed information if you apply directly to them.

We hope this information will be of some assistance to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosure

November 5, 1958

Miss Regina Andrews, Editor
Washington Heights Branch
The New York Public Library
1000 St. Nicholas
New York, New York

Dear Miss Andrews:

Your letter to Dr. G. S. Mitchell has been referred to me.

Attached is information you requested for the new brochure RACE RELATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES.

We appreciate your interest.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

November 6, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

This letter has a twofold purpose; first of all to thank you for coming to us October 16-17 and for the splendid job you did, and secondly to request the outline you presented to us, as my son has a habit of saying "immediately if not sooner."

We are getting out the gleanings and this is a request that is a demand from the women, because they feel it is something they need and could use every time they have a workshop. If you can do this for us, we will be more than doubly grateful to you.

With the best of wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 6, 1958

Honorable W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

Please accept our thanks for sending Mr St. John Barrett to us. He did an excellent job for us and we feel that his visit will be fruitful for the department.

I personally am very grateful to you for your understanding and your cooperation in what we are trying to do in this section of our country.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Rogers Tilly
Director of Women's Work

DRT:lec

November 6, 1958

Rabbi Jacob Rothschild
1589 Peachtree Road, N. W.
Atlanta 9, Georgia

My dear Rabbi Rothschild:

The days are full of meetings and eight days going to Denver to the Assembly of United Church Women has delayed me expressing my thanks to you and the thanks I have had in my heart for your coming to us of the Fellowship of the Concerned on October 16-17. What you said to us was so full of hope and a realization that God brings good out of evil. It did much to strengthen our convictions. We have had a big task to do.

You go a second mile in your thanks. Mr. Tilly and I were so surprised to receive a note from you acknowledging our telegram. We wonder how you find time to answer the numerous telegrams and messages you receive.

Please accept the thanks of all of the women who were present for I am sure they would want me to convey them to you.

With thanks and best of wishes to you always, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Enclosures: Nov. 2nd Special Report "The Negro Voter in the South-1958"
News clips: New York Times, Chatt. Times, Journal-Const. -

November 6, 1958

Mr. Maxwell Hahn
The Field Foundation, Inc.
250 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Hahn:

Enclosed is a copy of our latest Special Report on the Negro voter in the South and several newspaper clippings which illustrate the kind of publicity it received. We are distributing it to interested individuals and agencies, official and private.

This is the first published report on the follow-up survey made possible by the 1958 grant from the Field Foundation. Our researches, including a number of field studies, are continuing; somewhat later a more comprehensive, printed report will be issued.

We continue to be most grateful to the Foundation for making this important project possible.

If you should want more copies of the report, please have your secretary advise me and they will be promptly sent.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures

November 6, 1958

Mr. Caxton Doggett
The Methodist Church
125 North Interlachen Avenue
Winter Park, Florida

Dear Mr. Doggett:

A reservation has been made for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the 10th.

By cab you should arrive at Atlanta University from the airport around 7:30, if you come directly to the dining hall. We'll see to it that you get to town after the meeting and will mark your hotel reservation for late arrival.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

November 6, 1958

Mrs. W. F. Bates
125 Atkins Street
North Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

In our confusion I am not certain that you were informed of the plans we have made for you concerning housing.

A reservation has been made for you at Atlanta University, Bumstead Hall, 50 Chestnut Street, S. W.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 6, 1958

Mr. James Stokely
405 Clifton Heights
Newport, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Stokely:

Since you will be in town for two nights and transportation to and from Atlanta University is somewhat complicated, we have made reservations for you at the Piedmont Hotel for the 10th and 11th.

If you will take a cab directly from the train station to the Atlanta University dining hall, (see map) you should arrive around 7:30. We will mark your hotel reservation for late arrival and arrange transportation after the meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1

November 6, 1958

Rev. W. Carroll Brooke
Trinity Church
Staunton, Virginia

Dear Mr. Brooke:

A reservation has been made for you at Bumstead Hall for the 10th. Dinner on that evening is at 7:00 P. M., so you should have enough time to get from the airport. Dinner is also served at Bumstead Hall.

The report of the Nominating Committee will be prepared for you.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 6, 1958

Mr. Robert L. Abbey
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
  of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abbey:

We will be happy to arrange for the visit of Mr. Blake, December 14-21.

The next week is an unusually busy one for us. Shortly thereafter, however, I will send you details on accommodations and other arrangements made.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 6, 1958

Mrs. Lyda M. Kennedy
50 Chestnut Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Kennedy:

As a follow-up to our telephone conversation of last week, this is to inform you that approximately 50 persons will attend the dinner on Monday night - the 10th. If you will arrange for this number, we will be responsible for any meals which are not served, and, of course, we will be responsible for any extra expense required by having the meal served at 7:00 P. M. The group, after dinner, will probably want to remain in the dining hall for about an hour.

Please know that we are most grateful for your considerable help in this matter.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 6, 1958

Miss Ethel Oliver
5302 Colorado Avenue, N. W.
Washington 11, D. C.

Dear Miss Oliver:

In the same mail you will find a letter to the Sorority that is late in being written because of the heavy schedule that I have had continuously since you were with us.

You made such a nice contribution to our workshop by your very presence. It was wonderful of you to come all the way from Washington to see what we were doing, and I hope you feel justified in the expense and the time you gave to it.

We have had nice communications about the workshop and evidence that the women are working on our S.O.S. "Save Our Schools." We are calling a committee together here in Georgia in the next few days to see what we can do before the legislature meets.

It is so nice to know you and your kindness to me has touched me deeply. Thank you for all of it.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

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November 6, 1958

Beta Sigma Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sorors:

Just now I am having a breathing spell following our workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned, the annual meeting of the United Church Women of Georgia, and the Assembly of the United Church Women at Denver, to really take stock of what we did October 16-17.

One of the most pleasant things that occured in those days was having Miss Oliver with us. She is so gracious and so good to look at, and then the crowning event of her appearance was handing me an envelop which she said contained a "token gift to the Fellowship of the Concerned." To the surprise of all of us, it was a check for one hundred dollars demonstrating to us your understanding and appreciation of what we in our section are trying to do to make liberty and justice be for all.

We are enclosing the acknowledgment and the receipt from the Southern Regional Council and assure you our organization appreciates the gift and the givers. Please accept my personal thanks for your sympathetic understanding expressed in the gift.

With the best wishes for the great work you are doing, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

November 7, 1958

Mr. Harry S. Jones
Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 East Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

We have been seeing quotes from a statement by Attorney General Sewell which seem to be excellent on the surface. I refer to the one concerning the three things he suggests we can do concerning the schools.

Would you see if you can get us a complete copy of this statement? We would like to consider further use of this statement.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 7, 1958

Dr. H. Franklin Williams
Vice-President
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Franklin:

Many thanks for your note of November 3rd. I can understand that you would want to talk with the President of the University before accepting Board membership.

It is my sincere hope that you will be able to accept. We need your counsel and good advice. I believe you have a list of our Board members. Bill Howland, Director of Public Relations for the University, is an old friend of the Council. Harold Fleming just received a note from him praising your article and asking for additional copies of the New South in which it appeared.

Regards to Florence and to my other friends in university circles.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 7, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Donald Beatty
State Supervisor
Bureau of Unemployment Compensation
427 Cleveland Avenue
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Mr. Beatty:

Thank you for your letter of November 4th asking for a copy of my address on "Integration vs Non-discrimination." Unfortunately, the address is not complete at this point. However, I intend to discuss cultural pluralism and common values - the leveling influence of a democratic society.

The final draft will probably be in outline form since I do not care to read speeches. When the outline is completed I will send you a copy - that is if it is completed before the Convention.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 7, 1958

Mrs. Courtney Siceloff
Penn Community Services
St. Helena's Island
Frogmore, South Carolina

Dear Lib:

Thanks for yours of recent date. No special hurry on travel expense check.

Glad to read that you and M.A.W. noticed the same error and sin of omission in the Advisory Committee's report.

I have appropriately greeted all the little brothers and sisters in the faith for you - and didn't confuse them once.

The stay at Penn was delightful indeed and the highlight was the pleasant time spent with the Siceloff's.

Regards to Court, love to the kids.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:LS

November 7, 1958

Dr. J. Rupert Picott
Executive Secretary
Virginia Teachers Association
316 E. Clay Street
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Dr. Picott:

Many thanks for the quick response to my expense voucher. I am pleased that you thought my contribution worthwhile.

May the new year bring continued success to your organization and the beginnings of a democratic school system in the Old Dominion.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 7, 1958

Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley,
Executive Secretary, Division of
  Christian Citizenship
National Council - Protestant
  Episcopal Church
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your recent letter telling the good news of the continuation of Neil Tarplee's work. I am pleased to see that the Program and Budget Committee incorporated his work into the Division of Christian Citizenship, for this means that it is a "regular" part of church work. Both Harold and I, believing in the importance of the Church's efforts, were only too glad to commend this important project.

We are grateful and appreciative for the $1,000.00 allocated to SRC in the Church's budget. Glad to hear that the gentleman from Tennessee did not carry the field.

Would you please send us a copy of the final version of the statement on race adopted by the Convention.

All good wishes.

Faithfully,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 7, 1958

Mrs. Josephine D. Murphy
Atlanta University Dormitories
50 Chestnut Street, S. W.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Murphy:

Enclosed is our requested reservation list. If it is convenient would you please plan on billing SRC for the total amount.

We look forward to having you join us for dinner on Monday evening at 7:00 P. M. And, as usual, we are extremely grateful to you for your invaluable assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA:ls

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

November 7, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: HCF

From: FBR

Re: November 5-6 trip to Tennessee

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This trip was made at the request of Dr. Louise Young, newly appointed Executive Director of the Tennessee Council, and the Nashville area of the Board of the Tennessee Council. It provided an opportunity for extended personal discussion on an individual basis with Louise Young, A. C. Miller, and Walter Sharp. It also provided an opportunity for meeting with the Nashville Area Board members to discuss the following:

1. Relationship between SRC and state organizations. Here was stressed the new, non-affiliate relationship of state groups with a full explanation that funds allocated by SRC were from our general budget and not from specially earmarked funds from any foundation.

2. Tax exemption status. Here was explained the current situation regarding tax exemption for SRC in particular and inter-group agencies in general. Heavy stress was placed on no political activity.

3. Program plans for 1959 for the Tennessee Council.
    a) Organizational plans
        1) a considerable increase im membership to bring about a total of 750-1000.
        2) to activate the Board and divide it into functional committees
        3) the establishment or re-activation of locals in four of Tennessee's key cities, Chattanooga, Knoxville, Nashville, and Memphis
        4) the annual meeting to be held in January - purpose to be informational and inspirational with the real control of the organisation remaining in the hands of the Board.
    b) General program
        1) getting known in the state through contact with the press, radio, and TV
        2) personal contact with key persons in the state, explaining the purposes and function of the Council and seeking to involve them in the current crisis.
        3) expanding the use of existing organizations, institutions, and facilities
        4) seeking to build an inter-agency cooperative effort in Tennessee

The Board of the Tennessee Council now seems ready to assume the responsibilities of directing the affairs of the Council, raising funds for its support, and giving guidance to the professional staff.

In many ways this was the most hopeful meeting the Tennessee Council has held in the last 2-3 years.

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November 8, 1959

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, President
Virginia Union University
Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Proctor:

Your letter of the 6th has been received in the absence of Mr. Fleming. However, he has been reached by phone and requests that we inform you that he will be in the office on November 13th at 10 a.m. and will be most happy to see you and Dr. Henderson at that time.

We very much regret that you are not able to be with us on the 10th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 8,1958

Dr. Riley B. Montgomery,President
The College of the Bible
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Montgomery:

In the absence of Mr. Fleming, a note in response to your letter of the 6th to him.

We are delighted to know that you can be with us for the annual meeting.

Reservations should present no problem. If you would like accomodations at the Atlanta University dormitory (Bumstead Hall) I am sure that space will be available. If you prefer a hotel, some of our members are staying at the Piedmont Hotel in downtown Atlanta and it is likely that you will encounter no difficulty in getting a room there. The latter arrangement might be desirable if you plan to remain in Atlanta after the meeting or if you have other matters to attend to while here.

We look forward to seeing you on the 10th.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony

PA/hs

November 10, 1958

Mr. Edward S. Skillin
Editor
The Commonweal
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Skillin:

Because of my high regard for Commonweal, I'm sorely tempted by your invitation to do an article on the present situation in the South. But recent experience warns me that I had better decline.

The very matters I would be writing about have made such heavy demands on the Southern Regional Council that I can't conscientiously take on even a modest writing assignment.

I regret not being able to say yes and hope you will give me another chance at a less frenetic time.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

November 10, 1958

Mr. Claude H. Hall
Hotel St. George
51 Clark Street
Brooklyn 1, New York

Dear Mr. Hall:

I am glad to send you the enclosed special report on Negro voter registration. I hope you will find it helpful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
Enclosure - Special Report

November 10, 1958

Dr. C. G. Gomillion
1474 East Long Street
Columbus 3, Ohio

Dear Dr. Gomillion:

Thank you for your helpful letter of November 4. I shall see that the other members of the Nominating Committee have an opportunity to read it.

We regret that you can't be with us at the Annual Meeting, but wish you a very successful year in Ohio.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

November 10, 1958

Dr. John W. Davis, Special Director
Teacher Information and Security
N. A. A. C. P.
Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.
10 Columbus Circle
New York 19, New York

Dear Dr. Davis:

I am happy to send you the enclosed report of our most recent findings on Negro voter registration. We expect to issue a more detailed report later on when our follow-up survey is completed, and I shall see that you receive a copy.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls
Enclosure (Special Report)

November 10, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. F. Borden Mace
Louis deRochemont Associates, Inc.
380 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Mace:

I shall be glad to read the script of your proposed film on Clinton and to discuss it with you as soon as convenient.

Although I have no New York trip scheduled, it is probable that I will be there again in the near future.

In any case, you will hear from me again as soon as I have had a chance to give the script a careful reading.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

November 10, 1958

Mr. Frank S. Loescher
414 S. 46th Street
Philadelphia 46, Pennsylvania

Dear Frank:

Thanks for your letter of November 4.

It's a measure of our non-commercial purity that we have no billing form - except for New South. Enclosed is an improvised statement which may serve.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF:ls

STATEMENT

November 10, 1958

TO: United States - South Africa Exchange Program

FOR:	Services to Ds. J. S. Gericke, October 18-23, 1958	$100.00

Ruth H. Alexander
Secretary-Treasurer

November 10, 1958

Mr. Melvin L. Bergheim
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bergheim:

By the time you see this, our session of Saturday will doubtless be only a hazy recollection. It was a pleasant occasion for me and had all the earmarks of a successful seminar in the making.

My expenses were as follows:

Airplane fare	$ 83.49
Taxis & Limousines	7.25
Meals en route	3.40
	$ 94.14

You will be receiving copies of the materials I send to the correspondents in response to their requests Saturday.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1958

Mr. James S. Best
Director of Advertising and Promotion
Religious Books
Harper and Brothers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, New York

Dear Mr. Best:

This is in belated acknowledgment of the galley proofs of What's Right with Race Relations, and of the advance copy which has just arrived.

We shall be glad to carry favorable notice of the book in our publication New South and in the bulletin to our associated State Councils on Human Relations.

I trust you are also promoting the book among religious organizations - particularly the church women's groups.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1958

Mr. Harry C. Meserve
Rockefeller Brothers Fund
30 Rockefeller Plaza
New York 20, New York

Dear Harry:

Thanks for your letter of November 3. I have heard from Mr. Mace and gladly agreed to read the script. I don't know how we can help him get it produced, but we can at least look into it.

It shouldn't be long before I'm in New York again. I'll be looking forward to seeing you again.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1958

Mr. Lawrence Lader
520 Fifth Avenue
New York 36, New York

Dear Larry:

Thanks for your last letter. I did read the fee story in the Digest and thought it was excellent.

Troubled as the situation is down here, my own work is stimulating and, at times, rewarding. I'll look forward hopefully to your getting an assignment that will bring you down.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1958

Miss Barbara A. Sutherland
Secretary to Mr. Henry M. Shine, Jr.
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Sutherland:

Perhaps our letters crossed. As I wrote Henry the other day, the materials haven't arrived, at least not yet. We know all too well that these mixups occur and wish you luck in untangling this one. Thanks for your attention to it.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 10, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company
Box 2259
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

Many thanks for sending the check so promptly. We are the stronger for it, and for the results of the research.

The bibliography has been copied and, if it hasn't reached you yet, should very shortly.

We realize that this is only the beginning for your purposes. If we can help you and your research staff, to put the bibliography to work, let me know.

The very best to you and Liz.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official Receipt)

BC sent to Dr. Cowart, Ga. Council on Human Relations

November 10, 1958

Mr. Frank A. Weil
Treasurer
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
380 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

This is to acknowledge the Aaron E. Norman Fund's contribution of $100 designated for the Georgia Council on Human Relations. We have transmitted that amount to the Georgia Council, and I am sure its officers will want to express their appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin as well as to the Fund.

We are pleased to receive this contribution for an organization which is working constructively for improvement of race relations in Georgia.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin

Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

BC sent to DeJongh Franklin & Dave Freeman

November 10, 1958

Mr. Frank A. Weil
Treasurer
The Aaron E. Norman Fund, Inc.
380 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Weil:

We acknowledge with warm appreciation the grant of $500 for general support of the Southern Regional Council. Our official receipt is enclosed.

It is heartening to know that the Council's work continues to merit the confidence and support of The Aaron E. Norman Fund. Please convey our thanks to all of the Trustees.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

November 12, 1958

Dr. George S. Mitchell
Glencoe, Argyll
SCOTLAND

Dear George:

You may have experienced a ghostly twinge yesterday as the calendar turned up November 11. The annual meeting did take place. This is to give you some account of it, as well as to carry out my official instructions to convey to you the warm greetings and good wishes of the members assembled.

For someone as far removed as Scotland you were a very real presence throughout the meeting. We had an informal dinner Monday night. A number of new members, good fellowship, first-rate round-the-table discussion. Afterward, a viewing of the "Face of the South," which most of the board was seeing for the first time. The acclaim was loud and unanimous.

At the formal session Tuesday, inter alia, there were several tributes to GSM and general acknowledgment that we were there as SRC only because of your efforts and determination through the difficult years. Thanks to your last letter, I was able to give your many friends a fair report on the progress you and Alice have beem making on house and community assimilation and the proposed book for Knopf.

Otherwise, you would have enjoyed the meeting. A high level of participation by the members, rousing discussion and state aid, program, budgets, and all the rest. Regretful note of Emory and Margaret Via's departure for the University of Wisconsin in January, where Emory will take up a posh position with the School of Workers. They hate to leave, but it was just too good to pass up. You'll probably be hearing from them eventually.

I'll forgo further details of the meeting, with the promise that you'll be getting the minutes one of these days. As evidence of our material well-being (relatively), enclosed are the financial reports, ably prepared and presented by Ruth and Paul.

All the best to you and Alice.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - Financial Report, 1958
Proposed Budget, 1959

P. S. Much speculation about the nature of the proposed Knopf book. Let us know sometime when it's convenient. Rabbi Mantinband rejoiced that his suggestion had borne fruit.

HCF

November 12, 1958

Mrs. Candler Tatum
Room 302
1801 - 6th Avenue, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Tatum:

Mrs. Tilly has no open dates until after December 12.

Sincerely,

(Miss) L. E. Cummings
Secretary to Mrs. Tilly

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Dabbs' Interview enclosed -

November 12, 1958

Miss Florence Vann
74 Cookman Avenue
Ocean Grove, New Jersey

Dear Miss Vann:

Your letter to Mrs. Tilly concerning your NEW SOUTH subscription has been referred to me. Your name has been entered on our subscription list and you should have received a copy of NEW SOUTH by this time. Be assured that you will receive your monthly copy of NEW SOUTH in the future.

I am enclosing the latest issue in this letter along with another piece of literature you might enjoy seeing.

We do appreciate your interest; and if you have any additional trouble in receiving your copy of NEW SOUTH, please write to me personally.

Again thanks for your interest and best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosures (2)

November 13, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

Sorry for the delay on your MS, which is going to you separately. Emory and Paul had it bogged down as we went through the turmoil of our annual meeting.

I shot my wad when you were here. What I said then and in my letter to Adam still stands untarnished.

As soon as I get an opportunity, I'll speak to Popham about the New York Times review and let you know his reaction. And if anything occurs to us in regard to your western trip in the next few days, I'll write again.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Same letter sent to:
Mrs. E. V. Ennis
Mrs. Haswell Walker
Mrs. Herbert Thatcher

November 13, 1958

Mrs. J. O. Powell
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Powell:

We are getting together the gleanings from our workshop October 16-17, and somehow we do not have very good notes of what you said. Won't you give us a paragraph if you can remember your statement to us, if not just give us a paragraph bringing us up to date. Your report will be included in the gleaning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 13, 1958

Mrs. Britta Wickstrom
Box 113
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Wickstrom:

Mr. John Constable has asked me to give you some information about "The Fellowship of the Concerned - Southern Women Concerned About Their South."

The list of people invited to the workshop are sent in by their denominational boards and they are usually women with state or southwide positions in their churches. This include Catholics, Protestants, Jews and the Y.W.C.A. sends in a list.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 13, 1958

Mrs. Britta Wickstrom
Box 113
Virginia Beach, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Wickstrom:

We have mailed you, under separate cover, copies of the material you requested. We also have entered your NEW SOUTH subscription renewal and appreciate your continued interest.

Subscriptions to NEW SOUTH in itself does not entitle you to membership in the Southern Regional Council or any of the State organizations. The Southern Regional Council itself does not have memberships as such, however the Virginia Council on Human Relations, 216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building, Richmond, does have state memberships and I am certain your affiliation with that group would be helpful and appreciated. I am taking the liberty of giving your name to the Executive Director, Paul Rilling.

As to conferences, I presume you are referring to Mrs. Tilly's "Fellowship of the Concerned." I am referring that portion of your letter to Mrs. Tilly for clarification.

Again thanks for your interest and if we can be of additional help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 13, 1958

Mr. James H. Williams
132 W. Rittenhouse Street
Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Williams:

The enclosed material will indicate the nature and scope of this organization. We do not work in the area of your study on Graduate Professional Education.

We are sorry not to be of help to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc
Enclosures, 2
Publication Listings
SRC - Its Origin and Aims

November 13, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

One of our NEW SOUTH subscribers, Mrs. Britta Wickstrom, Box 113, Virginia Beach, Virginia, has expressed interest in membership with a group such as ours. It might mean an additional membership and perhaps more from her friends if you would send her some of your material.

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 14, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear M. A. W.:

I am sending along a series of questions and answers which might be of some help in any radio or television interview. They contain some of the more important considerations in the current segregation controversy.

In the rush of events Harold asked me to draft them. He has gone over them and feels they are allright. At his request, I am sending a copy to Linville Falls and to the Penn-Sheraton Hotel (marked please hold) in Pittsburgh.

2 words, always

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Rev. Robert Hughes
Executive Director
Alabama Council on Human Relations
Room 1218, Comer Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Bob:

Enclosed is a memo outlining what the Council did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. I wish it could have been possible to grant the full amount you requested, but due to budgetary limitations and needs of other state organizations this is the best we could do. You will note that the Alabama Council received the highest grant of any state organization.

Best of luck in the year to come.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Enclosed is a memo outlining what the Council did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. I wish it had been possible to give you all that the Arkansas Council needed. You will note that Arkansas' allocation is the median. We obviously took into account the special grant from the RFB in making our decision.

who's that?

Best of luck in the year ahead.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Mr. William K. Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Enclosed is a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. I wish it had been possible to give you all that Florida needed. The fund raising problems in Florida are less drastic than those in the hard core. Hence, the slightly larger amounts are in that area.

Best of luck for '59.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Dr. W. C. Cowart, Executive Director
Georgia Council on Human Relations
63 Auburn Avenue, N. E.
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Cowart:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organisations for 1959. I wish that it had been possible to give you all that the Georgia Council needed. You will note that the allocation for Georgia is above both the average and the median.

Best of luck in '59.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Rev. Harry S. Jones, Executive Director
North Carolina Council on Human Relations
121 E. Third Street, Room 209
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Harry:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organisations for 1959. Because of the expanding work of the North Carolina Council it received one of the larger sums.

Best of luck for '59.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Mrs. E. H. Spearman, Executive Director
South Carolina Council on Human Relations
1745 Sumter Street, Room 100
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Alice:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. I wish it had been possible to give the South Carolina Council all that it needed. You will note that the South Carolina Council's allocation is above both the average and the median.

Best of luck in 1959.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Rev. Edwin G. Kloppe, Executive Director
Texas Council on Human Relations
407 W. 27th Street
Austin, Texas

Dear Ed:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. The $600 figure for Texas is based upon your estimate of one-fourth time work which we talked about on the telephone, and because other agencies will be contributing to the special Houston effort.

I will be out in Houston on December 2, as you requested. Please let me know as soon as possible the where and when of the meeting.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Dr. Louise Young, Executive Director
Tennessee Council on Human Relations
416 Twenty-first Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Louise:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. Thanks for asking for $3,500 - you got it.

Best of luck in '59.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling
Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

I am sending along a memo outlining what SRC did regarding allocations to state organizations for 1959. Look over the list and be thankful.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Bingham, Dana & Gould
1 Federal Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Sirs:

This is to acknowledge with appreciation your letter of November 6 informing us of the partial distribution of the residue of Mr. William Emerson's estate. We shall be writing Mr. John F. Partridge shortly concerning the securities held for the account of the Southern Regional Council.

We feel that it would be appropriate if we sent an expression of appreciation to Mr. Emerson's family. Would you inform us of the name and address of the person to whom we might most suitably write? We shall be most grateful.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 14, 1958

Miss Elfry Zaeyen
Doubleday and Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Zaeyen:

This is to reply to your letter of October 29th.

We are glad to give our permission for the material specified to be quoted in the forthcoming volume The Southern Temper by William Peters. The material is not copyrighted.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 14, 1958

Mr. Adam Yarmolinsky
Doubleday & Company, Inc.
575 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Adam:

Sure, you can quote me.

Best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 14, 1958

Mr. Calvin Kytle
Nationwide Insurance Company
246 North High Street
Columbus 16, Ohio

Dear Calvin:

Under separate cover we are mailing you the cards of the bibliography. We have made a second set and in the event of loss they are available. Enclosed is the Estes' report of the project and other pertinent information.

In general, with the exception of the time factor for which I offer my sincere apologies, we are very pleased with the results and I hope you will be.

Incidentally, your Sales Department may find the "Ebony - Market Characteristics of Ebony Magazine Readers" of some interest.

A note in the morning mail informs me that we are receiving fifty copies of Willie Mae on consignment. Will do our best to see that they are sold.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

SOUTHERN REGIONAL COUNCIL, INC.
Atlanta, Georgia

November 14, 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Organizations

FROM: Fred Routh

SUBJ: Financial Assistance to State Organizations for 1959

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At its Annual Meeting just held, the Southern Regional Council voted the following allocations to the State Organizations:

STATE ORGANIZATION	SRC ALLOCATION	STATE ORGANIZATION	SRC ALLOCATION
Alabama	$4,200	North Carolina	$4,000
Arkansas	3,600	South Carolina	3,800
Florida	3,500	Tennessee	3,500
Georgia	3,800	Texas	600*
Kentucky	2,000	Virginia	4,000
Louisiana	2,000*		

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*Provisional - if required committment is made by state Councils.
Average allocation $3,181
Median allocation $3,600

In arriving at these allocations, several criteria were applied to each state group: the strategic importance of the state; general conditions in the state; past performance of state organization in program and fund raising; quality of Board and Staff; Foundation help, if any, received by state organization; amount requested; anticipated performance in 1959.

SRC's action was based on staff recommendations, which were discussed in detail by the Executive Committee and approved, and were given careful consideration by the full Council before adoption. The total budget for state aid for 1959 is $35,000, the same amount distributed this past year.

It should be noted again that SRC no longer has ear-marked funds for aid to state organizations as we did prior to 1958. The Fund for the Republic in its terminal grant to SRC chose not to continue, beyond its three year grant, ear-marked funds for state aid. Thus, all financial assistance to state organizations this past year, for 1959, and so long as it shall continue comes out of SRC's general budget. For 1959 we have to raise, from sources yet unseen, in excess of $50,000, if we are to meet all our obligations. Thus, while we wish these amounts could be larger, the funds available and in sight simply do not permit it.

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November 14, 1958

Miss Barbara A. Sutherland
Secretary to Mr. Henry M. Shine, Jr.
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Sutherland:

In regard to your letter of November 7, and as a follow-up to Mr. Fleming's letter of the 10th concerning the "lost" package, it is now time for us to untangle this one.

The package has arrived, in good order. Our confusion arose over the large envelope in the bottom of the package which was not discovered until this morning. Earlier we had unpacked a portion of the booklets and assumed this to be all.

We are very sorry for any inconvenience this has caused you and others of the staff. From now on we go to the bottom of all packages!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 14, 1958

Miss Katharine Taylor
41 Hawthorne Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Katharine:

We're in the process of digging ourselves out of the avalanche brought on by our annual meeting earlier this week. As the first order of business, I want to get the enclosed word on the Emerson Estate to you. It came at a most propitious moment -- an hour before we began our first annual session. This not only started us off in the proper spirit, but also gave me an opportunity to explain to our directors how deeply indebted we are to you for this generous bequest.

I'll always regret that I never met Mr. Emerson. We should like, if appropriate, to send some expression of appreciation to a surviving member of the family. I've written the law firm to ask who the proper person would be. You don't know right off, do you?

I forget just which of our great Confederate leaders it was who muttered on his deathbed, "The South, the poor South." But his lament is as timely today as it was then. Bad as it is, though, I'm not sure that there isn't more to hope for than in some time. With the closing of public schools, for the first time the white South is being required to pay a heavy price for intransigence. This means that the ranks of the liberals are being swelled, at least in the affected communities, by those who have previously been indifferent or opposed to change.

I hope we will have a chance to get caught up on these momentous developments soon. Meanwhile, warm greetings from all your friends here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

P. S. Calculations from the Wall Street Journal put the total value of the securities at something over $18,000.

November 14, 1958

Rabbi A. David Arzt
Gomley Chesed Congregation
220 Sterling Point Drive
Portsmouth, Virginia

Dear Rabbi Arzt:

In reply to your letter of November 7, we are forwarding under separate cover three sample copies of our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH. Subscription to NEW SOUTH, at $2.00 a year, entitles the subscriber to receive any other SRC materials which may be distributed.

We maintain no other form of mailing list.

We are also sending you several other items which we hope may be of assistance. There is no charge for this material.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

November 14, 1958

Mrs. Margaret Price
3916 Mackall Avenue
McLean, Virginia

Dear Margaret:

We recently received the Rainach booklet mentioned in Southern School News, and are sending it to you in case you'd like to see it before coming back down.

Sincerely,

Marge

MM/blc
Enclosure, Voter Qualification Laws in Louisiana

November 14, 1958

Editor
Louisville Defender
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

I would like to place an order for the thirteen articles dealing with teacher desegregation in the Louisville public schools. Please bill the Southern Regional Council for any charges.

Yours truly,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

November 14, 1958

Mr. Howard Reed
A. F. S. C.
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Reed:

We were unable to fill your order for 30 copies of "The Negro Voter in the South" in time for your seminar. However, a bill was sent to you before it was determined that the pamphlet would not have reached you in time.

If you still desire the 30 pamphlets, let us know. If not, please tear up the invoice we mailed you.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

November 14, 1958

Mrs. E. V. Ennis
1536 Holland
Norfolk 9, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Ennis:

Enclosed you will find your well deserved check, and if you will give us your account of the expenses you have incurred for stamps, travel, etc. we will send you a check.

If you have time we would appreciate it if you would let us know about affairs in Virginia. We are really beginning to work on our S. O. S. here in Atlanta. The N. A.A. C. P. case will come soon after Christmas.

There is a great deal of interest and determination that our schools shall not be closed. On Tuesday, November 18th, representatives of the League of Women Voters, P.T.A., Y.W.C.A., Church groups--Catholics and Protestants--and some lawyers will meet to really think through how we will organize and what directions we will take.

It is most interesting that the P.T.A.'s especially of our High Schools say it is not integration that bother them, but the danger of closing the schools. I am beginning to feel really proud of Atlanta.

I want you to know that we here at Southern Regional Council office appreciate the help you have given us, and for this I thank you.

With the best of wishes, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec
Enclosure

November 14, 1958

Mr. Irving Carlyle
Wachovia Bank Building
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Carlyle:

It is most generous of you to contribute your travel expenses to the Council. This is to express hearty thanks and to assure you that we will treat the contribution confidentially, as you requested.

It was a pleasure to meet you and to have some opportunity for conversation. Your interest in the Council means a great deal to the staff and, I'm sure, to the other directors as well.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

November 14, 1958

Mrs. E. U. Robinson
P. O. Box 516
Gallatin, Tennessee

Dear Ruth:

The Emory meeting last Wednesday was really more than nice. We spent several hours trying to think through things and I am sure the Board will receive a letter in the next few days from Ada Fort.

I hope you are going to find a way to be with us on December 12, Let me know as soon as possible, for at present I am counting on you either for a Christmas story or Christmas meditation. As I told you, we will begin at 10:00 that Friday morning and will close after lunch.

If you come in town that night before, I will make your reservation at the Briarcliff Hotel for it is near, and our Woman's society will be your host.

It will be more than wonderful if you can find a way to come.

Love and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Encls: Congressional Record Reprint
Midsummer Report of Program Activities
List of Board Members (Mimeographed)

Same ltr. sent to: Miss Alice Cobb, Scarritt College
Mr. Hubert Beckwith

November 17, 1958

Dr. Arthur Gray
President
Talladega College
Talladega, Alabama

Dear Dr. Gray:

It is my pleasant duty to inform you of an action taken by the Annual Meeting of the Southern Regional Council last week. It was the unanimous vote of the meeting that you be invited to membership on the Council's governing body.

To this invitation from the Directors I should like to add my personal hope that we may count on your acceptance. There has never been a time when we needed wiser or more devoted leadership than now. Your experience and commitment in this field will give your service special value to the Council in these demanding times.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If you would like further information on any point, please don't hesitate to call on me.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

VIA AIR MAIL November 17, 1958

Mr. Robert L. Abbey
Program Specialist
Committee on Leaders and Specialists
of the American Council on Education
1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Abbey:

We have arranged reservations at Atlanta University for Mr. Thomas A. Blake for December 14 - 21. On arrival at the airport, Mr. Blake should take a cab to Atlanta University dormitory, (Bumstead Hall), 50 Chestnut Street, S. W.

On Monday, December 15th, please ask Mr. Blake to call me at this office after 9:00 AM. At that time, we will discuss the week's plans with him.

Atlanta University has agreed to help us entertain Mr. Blake and we should be able to provide a worthwhile week for him.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

__VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY__ November 17,1958

Mr. George K. Hunton
Catholic Interracial Council
20 Vesey Street
New York 7, New York

Dear George:

The statement of the Catholic Bishops of the United States, "Discrimination and the Christian Conscience," is one of the most statesmanlike pronouncements yet made on this critical issue. The emphasis on action, quiet but determined, is a major contribution.

The effectiveness of this approach has been well demonstrated in the South by the Catholic Church and its leaders. They have provided some of the earliest and most successful precedents in desegregation. The Catholic Committee of the South early showed the way to effective, morally inspired action in this field. Non-Catholic organizations like the Southern Regional Council have relied heavily on the dedication and wisdom of the Catholics in their leadership, including both laymen and clergymen.

We hail this new and historic pronouncement by the Bishops, with gratitude for the leadership, past and future, which it signifies.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 17, 1958

Texas Employment Commission
Brown Building
Austin, Texas

Gentlemen:

Please send a copy of your most recently prepared state population figures, with a county by county and, if possible, a racial breakdown. If this data cannot be supplied by your office, I would appreciate your letting me know where it might be obtained.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

November 17, 1958

Mrs. L. H. Foster
Tuskegee Institute
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Foster:

We need very much to have a copy of the worship service Miss Lois Reeves gave at our workshop October 16, in Atlanta. She promised it when she left and we have written to her since. Surely she must be sick. Please find out about this and if you can secure it - even her rough notes - please send it to us. This is holding up the gleanings from the workshop.

I regret so much that you were not with us in the workshop because it was really worthwhile.

Thank you in advance for this big favor.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

VIA AIR MAIL November 18, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Division of Christian Life and Work
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

I've been involved in the difficult process of tracking down members of the steering committee for the project on violence, intimidation and reprisals. Most of them have now responded, and the consensus is that you be asked to submit the proposal on publication to your Committee on Policy and Strategy. It is the group's earnest hope that the decision will be favorable.

Meanwhile, if your printer gave you any estimate I would appreciate your sharing it with me.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls: SRC Board List (Mimeographed)
Midsummer Report of Program Activities
Congressional Record Reprint

November 18, 1958

Dr. H. Franklin Williams
Vice-President
University of Miami
Coral Gables 46, Florida

Dear Dr. Williams:

It is my pleasure to extend to you a cordial invitation to serve on the governing board of the Southern Regional Council. At our annual meeting last week, the Directors voted unanimously to ask you to accept election.

Fred Routh has shared with me your good letter of November 13. We are deeply pleased to have this indication that you are willing to serve and that the University administration takes a favorable view of your acceptance.

I am enclosing materials which describe the aims, background, and current activities of the Council. If I can supply further information on any point, please call on me. Meanwhile, I look forward to our association in the Council and hope I will soon have an opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

November 18, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thanks for the revised version of your useful chart on bombings and attempted bombings.

In answer to your further question (Alabama 25), our files indicate only that the three men were arrested and charged. As far as we know, further action on the case is still to come.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 18, 1958

Dr. Shepherd L. Witman
Director
Cultural and Educational Exhange
Program
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh 13, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Witman:

Thank you for your kind letter of November 12. I enjoyed my participation in the seminar which you so ably conducted and share your hope that we may be working together again.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

VIA AIR MAIL November 18, 1958

Mr. Henry Shine, Jr.
Commission on Civil Rights
Washington, D. C.

Dear Henry:

As Paul Anthony of our staff has written Miss Sutherland, the mixup over the materials was our goof. Our faces are a suitable shade of red. We can put the second delivery to good use, but I'm most apologetic.

I thought the questionnaires were excellent. If you get all the answers for every state, you will have an unprecedented fund of information!

I don't know where the North Carolina committee stands, but thought you should know that I've recently had intimations that Irving Carlyle would be favorably disposed if invited to serve.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 18, 1958

Dr. Samuel Newman
Newman Building
Danville, Virginia

Dear Dr. Newman:

I postponed answering your letter of October 30 because I thought we could talk at the annual meeting of the Virginia Council on Human Relations in Charlottesville. Sorry you could not make it.

Regarding your questions about SCEF: this is a delicate matter for a staff member of one agency to comment on another agency. However, I do feel that the charges of communist affiliation of SCEF are not supported by evidence that any thinking, fair-minded person would accept.

We see the role of SRC as quite different from the role SCEF sees for itself, but that is a matter of taste and judgment.

Hope this helps.

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls

November 18, 1958

Mr. Galen A. Martin
Box 887
Knoxville, Tennessee

Dear Galen:

We have sent you twenty copies of the March, 1958 New South for use with the police workshop.

I suggest you contact:

Col. David McCandless
Southern Police Institute
University of Louisville
Louisville, Kentucky

and

Dr. Louis Radelet
National Conference of Christians
and Jews
43 West 57th Street
New York 19, New York

The memo I did long ago on riot prevention might be helpful, too. You probably have it in your files.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls

November 18, 1958

Miss Berta Hamilton
Barber-Scotia College
Concord, North Carolina

Dear Miss Hamilton:

Thank you for your recent letter. SRC is not a membership organization anymore. We turned all members over to State Councils on Human Relations which are associated with us.

In the Tar Heel state the North Carolina Council on Human Relations is located at:

121 E. Third Street
Charlotte, North Carolina

The Director is Harry S. Jones. I am referring your letter to him. I am sure you will be interested in the Council's efforts. You will be hearing from Mr. Jones shortly.

Best regards,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

(Dictated by Mr. Routh but signed in his absence.)

FBR:ls
cc Harry Jones

November 19, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold
Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 West Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

The Dabbs' books did not arrive in time for your meeting. Do you still want to purchase some copies of the book, if so, do you want the same number you mentioned in your earlier letter?

With best wishes.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

Encls: Wallace-Dabbs Interview
Popham, NYT Reprint - 12/1/57
Lin Holloway, Journal & Guide Reprint - May 31, 1958
Three Views of the Segregation Decisions
Next Steps in the South
New South, April/1958
The Negro Voter...
Congressional Record Reprint

November 19, 1958

Mr. E. H. Peeples, Jr.
Medical Department
Building 172
USNTC
Great Lakes, Illinois

Dear Mr. Peeples:

This is in reply to your letter of October 25th which did not reach us until today.

We cannot at this time predict any openings which we might have available as of August 1959. However, if you would care to send us a more detailed background sheet - age, home address, place of birth, schools, past employment, references, and the like - we will be happy to keep your application on file. If you do this, a reminder to us around June 1959 of your availability might be wise.

If you are particularly interested in the general field of human relations you might also write the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, 152 W. 42nd Street, Room 1508, New York 36, New York. It would probably help if you also included a detailed background sheet in your inquiry to them. NAIRO maintains a listing of openings in the human relations field and might be helpful in putting you in touch with other agencies in the South and elsewhere. Also, there is currently in operation an internship program in human relations supervised by NAIRO. You might inquire of them about this program and whether or not the program will continue and have additional openings after August, 1959.

Enclosed you will find several pieces of literature which may be of interest. If we can be of further help, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosures

November 19, 1958

Reverend Thomas R. Thrasher
Church of the Ascension
315 Clanton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Tom:

It is my pleasure to make official the invitation to you to accept membership on the board of the Southern Regional Council. At a very well-attended and successful annual meeting last week, our Directors voted unanimously for your election.

I was glad to have been able to discuss this with you in advance and to know that we could count on your acceptance. Your experience and commitment to the principles for which SRC stands will mean a great deal to us.

Enclosed are some materials that we send, as a matter of course, to newly elected Directors. If you will drop me a note, at your conveniance, giving your official word of acceptance, I will be grateful.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

November 19, 1958

Mr. E. R. Officer
820 W. Johnson Street
Madison 5, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Officer:

We are mailing you, under separate cover, a copy of our latest report on the Negro voter.

We plan a more detailed voting report in the near future but the exact date is quite indefinite at this time.

Thanks for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

November 19, 1958

Miss Jill Game
Box 668
W. C. U. N. C.
Greensboro, North Carolina

Dear Miss Game:

Concerning your request for materials on segregation problems, we are mailing you, under separate cover, sample copies of some of our publications plus a quanity of publication lisitngs.

If you have any need for any additional materials please let us hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC/bcc

November 19, 1958

Miss Corinne Shore
American Friends Service Committee
1818 S. Main Street
High Point, North Carolina

Dear Miss Shore:

We have received the ten copies of the minutes of the last Interagency Conference. However, there is some doubt in our minds as to what has been done or is planned in mailing these to other members of the Conference.

Have the other agencies received these minutes or was it Tartt's intention that we send them? Or, was it Tartt's idea that we would summarize these minutes and send out a shorter version containing less confidential information? Incidentally, if we are to mail these out to the other agencies, would it be possible for us to have ten to twenty additional copies.

The minutes are excellent and, by our standards, not particularly late. We are old hands at stretching deadlines!

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

NOTE: This ltr. was sent to Mr. Stephens at The National Arts Club 15 Gramercy Park, New York, N.Y., clearly marked "PLEASE HOLD"

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY November 19, 1958

Mr. Donald Stephens
2313 Woodland Lane
Arden, Delaware

Dear Mr. Stephens:

Your letter and Ed Randall's arrived while we were in the throes of our annual meeting; so I am delayed in replying. I haven't been inactive, however. In order to expedite matters, after auditing the tapes, I called Barbara Moffett and gave her my reaction -- favorable, of course.

As I'm sure you already know, the prospect of financial aid from the AFSC is pretty dim. On the more hopeful side, I had a chance to tell Vernon Eagle of the New World Foundation that the project is useful and deserving of help. Ed should by all means follow through there. If I understand the nature of Vernon's interest, it reflects a somewhat more positive view on the part of Dave Freeman than he has shown heretofore. Obviously, Dave and Frank Loescher are key people in securing foundation interest.

As to Ed's further request for respectable approaches to the radio stations themselves, I will do what I can through interagency channels to stimulate this. If he can send me a supply of the mimeographed prospectus which was sent to the stations, this will facilitate the process of involving others.

As you will see, this letter is really aimed at both of you; please so regard it, and keep me posted on the progress you make.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
cc: To Ed Randall

November 20, 1958

The Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of the Protestant
Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Mr. Walmsley:

Your letter to Fred Routh, enclosing the resolutions adopted by Convention, has arrived during his absence. You will be hearing from him on his return. Meanwhile, let me take this occasion to express my own gratification for the actions taken at Miami. The Pastoral Letter, the resolutions, the continuation of Neil Tarplee's work, and the approval of the contribution to SRC were most heartening to us.

The Pastoral, to my knowledge, has been read in several, at least, of the Atlanta churches; and in one it will be reread as the basis for a special forum on the segregation crisis in our public schools. We will let you know of other reactions that come to our attention.

This further leadership from the Episcopal Church could not have been more timely. Let us know any time we can be helpful to you in your work.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Enc. HCF ltr. to Howard K. Smith dtd. Oct. 7, 1957

VIA AIR MAIL November 20, 1958

Mr. William Peters
921 Grant Avenue
Pelham Manor, New York

Dear Bill:

We can't help much on the problem with CBS, I'm afraid, but here is the story for what it's worth.

Enclosed is a copy of my letter to Howard K. Smith asking for a script of the broadcast and permission to reprint it. Some time elapsed without a response. We were up against a deadline, so I asked John Constable to see what he could do by telephone. He called CBS and, finding Smith unavailable, asked for an official who could give publication permission. He was connected with such a person, who gave permission on the spot. Shortly thereafter a copy of the script arrived in the mail, unaccompanied by any letter of transmittal.

Since in our experience such permission is nearly always routine, the verbal consent plus the sending of the script in question left Constable in no doubt that we were justified in reprinting. Unfortunately, since all this took place over a year ago, John doesn't recall the name of the CBS person he talked with; and the telephone slip which might show it can't be located.

Hope this circumstantial account will help you work it out.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

November 20, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
Executive Director
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

I'm glad to know about the impending visit to Atlanta by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson. Your double exposure was expecially helpful. Believe me, it will be a pleasure to be viewed, even scornfully, as a moderate.

There is a considerable likelihood that I will be going to New York during the week of December 1. But if this prevents me from meeting the Johnsons, I will leave word for special hospitality to be extended by others on the staff.

Meanwhile, I'll be busy desegregating the hotels.

All the best,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

Mr. Paul R. Christopher
216 Flatiron Building
Knoxville 17, Tennessee

Dear Paul:

A word of personal thanks for your contribution to SRC, our receipt for which is enclosed. It cheers us when one of our favorite board members thinks enough of the outfit to give hard cash.

We were pleased with the annual meeting. Hope you were.

Warm regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

November 20, 1958

Mr. Herbert M. Davidson
Editor and Publisher
Daytona Beach News Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Herbert:

I want to say a word of personal thanks for your generous contribution to SRC at the time of the annual meeting. It cheers us greatly when one of our most faithful board members thinks enough of the organization to give hard cash as well as time and interest.

I'm sorry we didn't have more time for relaxed conversation and that I didn't get to see your good wife. My best regards to you both.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

Receipt mailed separately to the Office of the Business Manager
LeMoyne College.

November 20, 1958

Mr. Lionel Arnold, Chairman
Consolidated Charities Committee
LeMoyne College
807 Walker Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Arnold:

We are deeply grateful to you and your colleagues at LeMoyne for designating the Southern Regional Council to receive a portion of their consolidated charities gifts. The thoughtfulness of the Committee and a number of individual donors each year is most gratifying to us.

We are sending our official receipt to the Business Manager and will see that you continue to receive our monthly publication New South.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

Mr. John J. Scanlon
Program Associate
The Fund for the Advancement of
Education
477 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear John:

A word of thanks for the additional copies of The Louisville Story, which have arrived.

As you may have gathered from the press, Atlanta has quite astonishingly started facing the issue of prospectively closed schools a good nine months before it could become a reality. The degree of outspoken concern and determination to preserve the public schools is most encouraging. And so is the thirst for information.

All of which means that, in Atlanta alone, the availability of the Carmichael book is of great value. We will make the most of it.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

Mr. H. Philip Mettger
Governmental Affairs Institute
1726 Massachusetts Avenue, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mettger:

I am most grateful to you for forwarding so promptly a check for my expenses and the generous honorarium. The latter is a much-appreciated addition to the operating funds of the Southern Regional Council.

The seminar was an important pilot effort and I very much hope it will make possible further efforts of this kind by your fine organization.

Cordially yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Charles Alan Wright
Law School
University of Texas
Austin 12, Texas

Dear Mr. Wright:

We are interested in seeing the article, "School Integration: An Almost Lost Cause" which appeared in the August 1958 issue of The Progressive, get a wider circulation. And so we are writing to ask permission to reprint this excellent article in our monthly magazine, NEW SOUTH. We also are writing to The Progressive to obtain their permission should yours be forthcoming.

Enclosed is a copy of our magazine for your information.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

November 20, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. Malcolm Seawell, Attorney General
State of North Carolina
State Capitol Building
Raleigh, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Seawell:

We have just seen a copy of your speech before the North Carolina Bankers Association reprinted in the Charlotte News.

We think it excellent and believe a wider distribution will help not only North Carolina but the rest of the South. May we have reprint privileges for our monthly magazine, New South, a copy of which is enclosed?

Again let me say how much we appreciate a public servant taking such a positive stand. We will appreciate any consideration toward reprint privileges.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec
Enclosure

VIA AIR MAIL November 20, 1958

Miss Jean Fairfax
National Representative of Southern
 Programs
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Jean:

Thanks for your letter of November 12. I had occasion to call Barbara Moffett the other day and took the opportunity to convey through her the answer to your question about the Fact-Finding Report. To repeat what I told her, it is still in the hands of Oscar Lee, who is to present it to the appropriate policy committee about December 1. Oscar and his superiors felt this was necessary. We all regret the delay, but to work out another arrangement would doubtless have taken even longer. Let us now pray that the decision will be favorable and that publication may proceed.

I have taken some steps to make it possible for the report to be quickly updated once the decision to publish is final.

I shall look forward with interest to word of your interview with Dr. Carr of NEA. We were in touch with Knoll about his series and were able to give some help. Once it has run, we ought to compare notes on the need for reprints and their distribution.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

Rev. Olof Anderson
4213 Church Way
St. Matthews, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I have written Mr. Lee Thomas, Jr. as enclosed.

This is to tell you again how grateful we are to you, as well as to Dorcas Ruthenburg, for getting Mr. Thomas's advance consent to serve.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1

November 20, 1958

Mr. John F. Partridge
Preston, Moss & Company
24 Federal Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Partridge:

We have been advised by Bingham, Dana & Gould that you are holding for our account stock certificates representing a gift to this organization from the Estate of Mr. William Emerson.

The final disposition of these securities will be decided upon by our Executive Committee at its next meeting, probably sometime in January 1959. Meanwhile, we should be glad to have you continue to hold the certificates pending instructions from us. If for any reason you would prefer not to do this, you may transmit the certificates to me at this address.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. In the meantime, thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Encls. SRC Board List
Midsummer Report of Program Activities
Congressional Record Reprint

BCopies sent to: Mr. Olof Anderson, St. Matthews, Ky.
Miss Dorcas Ruthenburg, Louisville, Ky.

November 20, 1958

Mr. Lee B. Thomas, Jr.
Executive Vice-President
American Saw and Tool Company
500 East Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Thomas:

At our annual meeting last week, the Directors of the Southern Regional Council voted unanimously that you be invited to serve with them on the Council's governing body. It is my pleasure to extend this invitation and to express my personal hope that we can expect your acceptance.

I was delighted to hear from Mr. Olof Anderson that he had discussed this matter with you in advance and found you favorably disposed.

Enclosed are several materials which describe the Council's aims, background, and recent activities. If you would like further information on any point, please call on me.

I shall look forward to hearing from you. Meanwhile, kindest regards.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3.

November 20, 1958

Miss Barbara Moffett
American Friends Service Committee
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania

Dear Barbara:

I promised I would pass on any reaction on the Arkansas situation with respect to the displaced Negro pupils. I have talked with Nat Griswold, who knows about the Friends' effort to provide out-of-state education of a selected group of the Negro pupils.

Nat feels that the proposed plan, while it will have some demonstration value as demonstrating that there are concerned people, will not do much to affect the situation. He was rather enthusiastic about the idea of some tutoring services that might be made available to a larger number of the displaced pupils in Little Rock itself. I don't know whether this is a practicable idea or not. If it were attempted, great care would have to be taken to interpret it as no lessening of pressure for reopening of the schools and no endorsement of private school arrangements. Actually, I do not think it would be either. The Negro pupils can exert no pressure beyond what is already being exerted through legal channels. And to leave them completely unschooled during this interim period while the white students receive some make-shift education, seems to me a rather inhumane way to keep the pressure up.

Nat said he would discuss this with the people he is in touch with in Little Rock. I do want to make it clear that I was not expressing any opposition to the plan that has been developed. Certainly it has value, particularly if nothing would benefit more of the pupils is possible.

Unfortunately, you will be receiving a memorandum from me shortly, addressed to all of the cooperating agencies about the Front Royal situation. SRC is going to make a contribution for tutoring services for the 23 Negro children there. And we are urging other organizations to join in. I will leave further details for the memo.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 20, 1958

Mr. A. G. Gaston
Booker T. Washington Insurance Company
5th and 17th Streets, North
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Mr. Gaston:

At our annual meeting last week, the Directors of the Southern Regional Council voted unanimously to invite you to membership. It is my pleasant duty to extend this invitation and to express the earnest hope of the Directors and the staff that you will accept.

The Directors of the Council -- outstanding Southerners of both races -- make up the governing body of the organization. The full Council meets only once a year, but an active executive committee meets frequently to make policy and direct the staff activities. Periodic reports are made to the Directors throughout the year.

I can assure you that the demands on your time will be slight, but that your presence on the Council will mean a great deal in terms of influence and quality of leadership. Mr. L. D. Milton, who served on the Nominating Committee, felt confident that you would look favorably on this invitation to membership.

Enclosed are materials describing the aims, background, and recent activities of the Council. If you should wish further information, please call on me. Meanwhile, I will look forward hopefully to your reply.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosures - 3

cc: Mr. L. D. Milton

November 20, 1958

VIA AIR MAIL

Mr. Morris H. Rubin
Editor
The Progressive
408 W. Gorham Street
Madison 3, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Rubin:

We are interested in reprinting the article by Dr. Charles Alan Wright which appeared in the August 1958, issue of The Progressive under the title, "School Integration: An Almost Lost Cause." If we obtain permission from you and from Dr. Wright, the article will appear in our monthly publication, NEW SOUTH.

Please let us know at your earliest convenience if reprint privileges concerning this one article are available to us.

Sincerely,

John Constable
Director of Information

JC:lec

November 20, 1958

Mrs. J. W. Robinson
202 W. Jackson Street
Dillon, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Robinson:

I thank you so much for your letter of November 11. I have placed your school dates on my calendar and will be more than delighted to be a member of your faculty in the School of Mission.

I have always enjoyed being with your conference, and I am looking forward to it again next summer. I am sure your school will be on the high level that it has always been with you as its leader.

With the best of wishes to you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 21, 1958

Mr. Carson Pritchard
West Georgia College
Carrollton, Georgia

Dear Mr. Pritchard:

I regret that we must report failure in our Thanksgiving foreign visitor assignment. We were able to turn up a Turkish family but we have been unable to reach them. Also, there are a number of students from Turkey here in Atlanta, but it is unlikely that they would be in a position to handle the hospitality.

I have been told by Mrs. Ed Driscoll, who heads up the International Club at the local YWCA, of a couple in Athens who might be able to help at the last minute. They are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Pseutze (pronounced Fitze). Dr. Pseutze is with the Department of Philosophy at the University of Georgia and Mrs. Pseutze is with the YW there. Both serve as counsellors for foreign students on campus. According to Mrs. Driscoll they have performed last minute miracles in arranging hospitality in Athens' homes, and are more than cooperative.

We are genuinely sorry that we had been of so little help in this matter.

Incidentally, as we discussed on the phone at the first of the week, we will be happy to see your students at any time.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf

November 21, 1958

AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mrs. Earl Andrews
3125 Audubon Road
Montgomery, Alabama

Dear Mrs. Andrews:

The reports of your meeting of the Alabama Fellowship of The Concerned do not include any of the proposed actions that came out of the discussion groups. I hope you have them, if not remember what of them you can, as I must have them Monday morning.

This goes to one of the Foundations which provides money. The report of the speeches is good, but the Foundation pays much more attention to the action. I remember that one was about a letter being sent to Dr. M. L. King in the hospital. Another had to do with the number of Negroes who had been tried for rape and no white man had. You may remember the others but please let me have something.

I tried for two days to reach you by phone, but found out you were out of town and would return Saturday.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 21, 1958

Dr. Malcolm P. Calhoun
Box 1176
Richmond 9, Virginia

Dear Dr. Calhoun:

What a pleasant surprise it was to receive your letter of congratulations. For you, so busy and away from Atlanta, even to notice the Denven action and then take time to write the gracious note to me was a thrill to me, and really a "shove" to push on.

For the United Church Women of the United States to pay heed to what we are trying to do in our troubled area touched me deeply. As much as I appreciated it, your note means even more to me.

I cherish the memory of those conferences I had with you in your office when I needed support and courage.

We had our Workshop of The Fellowship of the Concerned October 16-17. One hundred fifty-nine women came from eleven states and did hard thinking and came out with an action program of S. O. S. (Save Our Schools) The Atlanta women immediately began work. There is quite a stir in our city as we face the closing of schools in September. Our Mayor is spear-heading a movement of "local option." There is never a dull moment in these days!

It is truly great "to be alive in such an age." Really it is thrilling to be in the midst and have a little part in God's remaking of His world.

We miss you, but take heart in the thought that you may be able to do greater work for the church away from

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tension areas.

Please accept my thanks for all your kindnesses to me and most of all for the great work you are doing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 24, 1958

Mr. Robert L. Wixom, Clerk
Little Rock Meeting for Worship
of the Religious Society of Friends
25 Point of Woods Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mr. Wixom:

Under separate cover we are sending you the copy of THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE which you ordered. The publisher allows us the usual trade discount of 40%, therefore we have made the book available for $2.50. Accordingly, enclosed you will find our check for $1.50, representing your overpayment.

If we can be of further help please let us know.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/hs

November 24, 1958

Mr. Johan Galtung
Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology
Columbia University
New York 27, New York

Dear Mr. Galtung:

In reply to your letter of November 20 we are mailing to you under separate cover a number of pieces of literature published or distributed by the Council. Your name is also being added to our list of subscribers to NEW SOUTH. You will receive this monthly for one year at no cost, beginning with the December, 1958 issue.

We have read with interest some of your observations on the Virginia situation, as reported in the Charlottesville Daily Progress. If portions or the whole of your study are published at some future date we would very much appreciate your letting us know how we might purchase a copy for our reference files.

Thank you for your inquiry, and I do hope that the material we are forwarding will be helpful to you.

Sincerely,

Marge Manderson
Research Assistant

MM/blc

November 24, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Mr. Eagle:

On behalf of the Southern Regional Council, I acknowledge gratefully the New World Foundation's check for $10,000. We understand that this represents a grant, as requested by the Council, for support of educational activities in the area of race relations that cannot be anticipated in the regular budget.

We will furnish you with periodic progress reports on the use of this grant, as well as a financial accounting when the funds have been expended.

This grant fills a particularly acute need at a time of transition and difficulty in the South. Please convey the sincere thanks of the officers and staff of the Council to the directors of the New World Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Official receipt)

November 24, 1958

Mrs. Daisy Bates
President
Arkansas Conference of Branches
N.A.A.C.P.
616½ W. 9th Street
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Mrs. Bates:

We greatly regretted that you couldn't be here for the Council's Annual Meeting, but obviously your presence in Little Rock was essential.

The meeting was a pleasant occasion and, we feel, a fruitful one. You will be receiving the minutes in the very near future.

With all good wishes to you and your co-workers in Little Rock.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 25, 1958

Mrs. Candler Tatum
1801 - 6th Avenue, N
Room 302
Birmingham, Alabama

Dear Noreen:

I regret that you were not able to be with us at our workshop, October 16-17. It was good in many ways. We had more people and our leadership was splendid.

Our group leaders were Margaret Bender from our Department of Christian Social Relations in New York, and Dorothy Height of the National Y. W. C. A. You know both of these and know how well they lead group discussion. We also had someone from the Civil Rights Section of the Department of Justice.

The gleanings are in the making and we will send you a copy. Under separate cover, we are mailing you one of the packets we had for those present. Mrs. Andrews did write to you about her meeting in Montgomery and she expected you.

I'd like to hear from you as to what you are doing or dan do in the Alabama situation.

With the best of wishes to you and yours, I remain

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 25, 1958

Mrs. Harper Sibley
The Japanese International Christian
University Foundation
44 E. 23rd Street
New York 10, New York

Dear Mrs. Sibley:

Your letter was a nice surprise and I appreciate very much the invitation to serve on The Woman's Planning Committee.

I am not at all sure I will be of very much value as the member of the Committee of the University Foundation but really coveting the privilege of serving with you, I am accepting the invitation. I hope I may find some way of being of service.

It was so good to see you at Denver and being on a panel with you was an honor.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

November 25, 1958

Miss Dorothy Height
National YWCA
600 Lexington Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Miss Height:

Please won't you let us have the outline you presented t the women at our Workshop, October 16-17. We are holding up the gleanings for it. This outline means so much to the women and will be so valuable in their work that I do not want to send the gleanings without it.

important ✓ I know you are busy but please steal some moments and do this piece of work.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lee

November 25, 1958

Miss Georgene B. Lovecky
Program Secretary
John Hay Whitney Foundation
630 - 5th Avenue - Room 3461
New York 20, New York

Dear Miss Lovecky:

We had the South-wide Workshop of the Fellowship of the Concerned, October 16-17. I wish you might have been with us. You know of the struggles of our South and the mighty challenge that is presented to us to make it the proving ground of Christianity and democracy.

The 159 women from eleven states--all state or sectional leaders of church groups, YWCA, and a few from labor, looked well at the problems before us and accepted the challenges with a glory on their faces that they were among the builders of a New and Better South.

I do not know how to express to you what the gift from the John Hay Whitney Foundation is meaning and will mean as the social changes take place. It has made possible for these women in leading positions to come together, study facts, find ways of cooperation in solving the problems, gain courage and strength and then go back and repeat much of the Workshop in a State meeting and at the same time pass on what they have gained to their own denominational group.

While we have had some Catholic women with us everytime, this year the National Council of Catholic women gave full cooperation and added strength to the Fellowship.

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You, yourself, have a big part in this rather stirring adventure, because you are our spokesman to the Foundation and we are grateful to you. Under separate cover, we are mailing you one of the packets we had for those who came.

Please express our thanks to the Foundation.

Sincerely,

Mrs. M. E. Tilly
Director of Women's Work

MET:lec

Packet mailed 11/26/58

November 25, 1958

Mr. Alfred Knopf, Jr.
Alfred A. Knopf, Inc.
501 Madison Avenue
New York 22, New York

Dear Mr. Knopf:

Enclosed is our check for $243.00 as payment in full for the 100 copies of The Southern Heritage sent to us on consignment on November 10.

We would like to have an additional 100 copies on consignment under the same conditions as the first shipment. If this is possible, would you please have this letter constitute our order for them.

Sincerely,

Paul Anthony
Administrative Assistant

PA/mf
Enclosure - 1 (Check #4920 - $243.00)

November 25, 1958

Miss Zenobia Davis
1319 Reynes Street
New Orleans 17, Louisiana

Dear Miss Davis:

Thank you for your recent letter asking for help in research you are doing in desegregation or "Integration in the Catholic and Public Schools in the South."

We will be glad to assist in any way possible. To be of any real help we would need to know the focus of your proposed study. Do you have an outline of the project?

Another invaluable source of information for your study is:

The Southern Education Reporting Service
P. O. Box 6156, Acklen Station
Nashville 5, Tennessee

They publish the very excellent Southern School News each month. It summarizes developments in school desegregation.

Hoping to hear further from you,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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VIA AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY November 25, 1958

Mr. J. Oscar Lee
Executive Director
Division of Christian Life and Work
Department of Racial and Cultural Relations
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Oscar:

This is to confirm the understandings reached in our recent telephone conversation concerning the Joint Fact-Finding Project on Violence, Intimidation, and Reprisals.

The organizations which cooperated in the execution of this project have authorized me to request the Department of Racial and Cultural Relations of the National Council of Churches to accept responsibility for the publication and public release of the resulting report. To finance the printing of the document $1,483.84 is available in the keeping of the Southern Regional Council, and another $250 has been pledged by the United Auto Workers. I shall be prepared to remit from these funds the cost of printing and handling, as well as any additional costs that we may agree upon, on receipt of your statement.

A draft of the report has been forwarded to you previously, and an updated version will be supplied if your decision is favorable.

The cooperating agencies feel that this report is a significant one. We appreciate your considering the role of publishing agency and look forward hopefully to an affirmative reply.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 25, 1958

Dr. F. D. Patterson, Director
Phelps-Stokes Fund
101 Park Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Dr. Patterson:

I am writing you to request the Phelps-Stokes Fund's consideration of aid for the coming year for the "Fellowship of the Concerned" - the Council's work with women directed by Mrs. Tilly.

Mrs. Tilly has informed me that she has written you concerning the just-completed annual Workshop. This was, in our opinion, a remarkably successful meeting of the church women leaders of the South. And, needless to say, the grant of $2,000 from the Phelps-Stokes Fund for 1958 was largely responsible for making this possible.

During the year we have continued to be impressed with the pioneering role of the church women in the South. In fact, this is currently being illustrated here in Atlanta. This strategic Southern city, unlike Little Rock and the Virginia cities, is setting something of a record in foreseeing the difficulties ahead and in attempting to plan for them. There is a general public awakening to the fact that the fate of Atlanta's public schools is at stake, and many of the city's foremost groups and individuals are seriously working at the problem. This is due in large part to the work of the women of the city, much of it under the guidance of Mrs. Tilly and those persons who attended this year's workshop. There is not an easy solution in sight, but it is safe to say that a group of courageous women have given valuable leadership.

Throughout the South our problems remain. The deep South remains adamant in its refusal to accept change and such border areas as Virginia and Arkansas have made the transition unduly costly. In all of these areas, however, the church women stand out. In the hopeful areas they lead; in those areas where yet even the most optimistic can see little hope, there remains the nucleus of church women who keep alive the constructive spirit.

For this, Mrs. Tilly is due much of the credit. In turn, we are most grateful to the Phelps-Stokes Fund for its long standing support of Mrs. Tilly and her work.

If further information is needed to supplement the information which Mrs. Tilly is sending you, please call on me.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 25, 1958

Mr. Paul Rilling, Executive Director
Virginia Council on Human Relations
216-C Broad-Grace Arcade Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Paul:

It was good to be with you in Pittsburgh, and the paper you presented was splendid. Indeed, it was the best at that particular session.

In your letter you raise the question about a channel through which funds might be provided for the Norfolk group and asked about the Unitarian Fellowship for Social Justice. I would assume they would be acceptable to the Norfolk group, but the other side of the coin is would they accept such a responsibility?

As to your second point regarding assistance for children in the Front Royal area, Harold has informed you that up to $500 is available and has sent you $250 of this amount. David Scull wrote me on November 17, indicating further efforts in Northern Virginia for the same purpose. I note a copy was sent to you.

If this doesn't clear matters up, let's try again.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 25, 1958

Miss Marian Hargrave
Associate Director
Panel of Americans, Inc.
386 Fourth Avenue
New York 16, New York

Dear Marian:

It was good to talk with you at the NAIRO Conference. I believe that several of our state groups could be helpful to the Panel of Americans; I am equally convinced that the Panel of Americans could be helpful to all our state groups. I am enclosing, therefore, the names and addresses of our state Councils.

I am sending the state Councils a brief memo explaining that I suggested that you contact them. I would suggest you include this in your letter to them.

Hoping to hear from you in the not too distant future I am,

Cordially yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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November 25, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

Thank you for informing us of the election of new officers of the Arkansas Council. How about giving us a thumb-nail sketch of Mrs. Engler and Mrs. Woods. I believe we have information on the others.

What will be Bert Cartwright's relationship to the Arkansas Council now? I trust he was kept on the Board and Executive Committee. He is a valuable and articulate person and we should continue to make use of his talents.

My best to all the gang.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 25, 1958

Mr. Marion A. Wright
"Top Knot"
Linville Falls, North Carolina

Dear M. A. W.:

Thank you for your note of November 24. No need to thank me for recommending you to the ADA and NAIRO. It was my belief that you could do the best possible job in these two slots. As you say, these were golden opportunities to strike blows for SRC and the public weal. I might add that it was a blow at the misunderstanding prevalent in much of the North.

Throughout the remainder of the Conference, people came to me and said: "Where did you ever find a guy like this man Wright? He is absolutely terrific!" I trust that your Stetson will still fit after learning this. I might add that I shared their sentiments.

I have caused to be sent to you the 200 SRC envelopes you requested.

I was sorry it was not possible for us to get together yet another time at the NAIRO Conference. I called your room several times, but all to no avail.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 25, 1958

Mr. Albert Vorspan, Director
Commission on Social Action of Reform
Judaism
838 Fifth Avenue
New York 21, New York

Dear Mr. Vorspan:

Your recent letter to George Mitchell has been turned over to me. Dr. Mitchell has retired and moved to Scotland.

We at the Council are favorably impressed with the "Declaration of Conscience" which you have sent us. We will distribute it to key clergymen in a number of Southern states.

With thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending us the Declaration I am,

Sincerely,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 25, 1958

Mr. Paul M. Shields, Director
1959 Police-Community Relations Institute
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Dear Mr. Shields:

Thank you for your letter of November 17 confirming Louis Radelet's invitation to me to participate in the '59 Police-Community Relations Institute. I will be happy to do so.

I am the Assistant Director of the Southern Regional Council and this organization is not related to the National Conference of Christians and Jews, but is an independent agency covering twelve Southern states. I hope that in the final version of the program this will be correctly noted.

I am enclosing some information about the Council.

Sincerely yours,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:LS
Enclosure - Congressional Record reprint

November 25, 1958

Mr. David Scull
Turnpike Press
Annandale, Virginia

Dear David:

Thank you for your recent letter which came while I was attending the NAIRO Conference.

SRC will make available up to $500.00 for the Front Royal effort. We have already sent Paul $250.00 of this amount.

We will keep a close watch on contributions coming from Virginia and check with you to see which account they should be credited to. We will especially watch for Van Arkel's and Johnson's checks. Thank you for your concern in this matter.

SRC's nominating committee recommended Eric Severeid for membership on SRC's Board. His name was approved by the general membership. We note that he served on the Northern Virginia fund-raising effort and therefore assume that you know him. Would you please approach him off-the-record and ask him if he would be willing to serve on SRC's Board.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

MR. HORN'S LETTER REFERRED TO JC

November 25, 1958

Mr. Albert Horn
102 Fourth Street
Woodbridge, Virginia

Dear Al:

Thanks for your good letter reminding me of Horace Flack's book, The Adoption of the Fourteenth Amendment. I have referred this to John Constable, our Director of Information, asking that he secure a copy of the book and give consideration as to how we might motivate a publisher to consider re-issuing it. I look forward with interest to reading the book.

I am personally happy that you are relating to the Virginia Council on Human Relations. I know of the valuable work you did in Alabama. I hope it will be possible for you to write Bob Hughes occasionally, for the situation over there is rough. Words of encouragement from old and trusted friends mean a great deal under these circumstances.

I will keep you advised of developments regarding Flack's book.

Best wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

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November 25, 1958

The Rev. Arthur E. Walmsley
Executive Secretary
Division of Christian Citizenship
The National Council of the Protestant
  Episcopal Church
Church Missions House
281 Fourth Avenue
New York 10, New York

Dear Arthur:

Thank you for your good letter enclosing a copy of the four resolutions bearing on the race question adopted by our Convention at Miami.

I note that Harold Fleming has already written you on this matter. The Pastoral Letter is being read in the Atlanta area. I have heard of no repercussions yet. We are giving further study to distributing or perhaps reproducing the Pastoral Letter.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 26, 1958

Mr. Corneff R. Taylor, Secretary
City of Milwaukee, Commission on
Human Rights
811 North Broadway
Milwaukee 2, Wisconsin

Dear Corneff:

Thank you for your letter of November 24 with the kind words about my participation at the NAIRC Conference last week.

I asked our Research Assistant, Miss Marge Manderson, to dig up what material we had on the relation of American race relations to American foreign policy and international relations. I am sending along what is available. Actually there is more here than I had imagined.

Somebody did a research project for the Fund for the Republic on this question, but we do not have a copy; the American Jewish Committee proposes a full-blown study in this area. It is not yet complete, but what we are sending you should be of help to the lawyer who is to speak on Human Rights Day, December 10.

Because of the air lines strike I am sending this first class. It should reach you Monday, December 1.

Warm personal regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls
Enclosure

November 26, 1958

Mr. Leslie W. Dunbar
100 College Street
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Les:

As in-coming Director of Research for SRC, I think it would be of interest to you to read: "Law Enforcement Programs in Colleges" by A. C. Germann in the AAUP Bulletin for September 1958 - (Autumn Issue).

This is something we will be concerned with in the months and years ahead.

All good regards.

As ever,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR/mf

November 26, 1958

Mr. Nat Griswold, Executive Director
Arkansas Council on Human Relations
1220 W. Capitol
Little Rock, Arkansas

Dear Nat:

At the recent NAIRO meeting the question was raised: Are there any white citizens in Little Rock who would be interested in bringing a taxpayer's suit to halt the expenditure of public funds now being used to support private education? This referred to the grants-in-aid now going to parents of kids attending the private schools.

I allowed as how you would know more about the possibilities than anyone else. What are the possibilities? Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

One school of thought has it that this action is logically a part of the on-going legal action of the NAACP - perhaps it should be. You might ask Daisy about this, too.

All good regards.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 26, 1958

Mr. Bill Williams, Executive Director
Florida Council on Human Relations
213 N. E. Second Avenue
Miami, Florida

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your letter of November 24. In answer to your two questions: (1) "1959" is indeed the calendar year January 1-December 31. SRC has based its fiscal year on the calendar year basis. (2) As to an audit of your books, that is a matter for your Board to decide. I would assume it would be easier to make your fiscal year January 1-December 31 than the way it was previously done based on SRC's old fiscal year.

Looking forward to getting that list of key people. HOORAY!!

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

VIA AIR MAIL November 26, 1958

The Commodore Hotel
42nd Street at Lexington
New York, New York

Gentleman:

This is to request reservation of single room for three nights beginning Monday, December 1st. I should reach the hotel between 10 and 11 P. M.

If time permits, a confirmation will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Southern Regional Council, Inc.
ROOM 432, 63 AUBURN AVENUE, N. E. ATLANTA 3, GEORGIA
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A Council to attain, through research and action, the ideals and practices of equal opportunity for all peoples in the South.

November 26, 1958

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Council Directors

FROM: Fred Routh

RE: Panel of Americans, Inc.

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At the NAIRO Annual Meeting I met Miss Marian Hargrave who is the Associate Director of the Panel of Americans, Inc., 386 4th Avenue, New York 16, New York. They are interested in extending their efforts into the South and we had been recommended to them as a natural channel. I have sent her your name and address. You should be hearing from her before too long.

The Panel of Americans organizes panels of college students who represent minority groups; these panels speak to civic clubs, to college groups, to high school assemblies, and to other respectable organizations. Each panel makes talks about "what it is like to be a Negro, or a Catholic, or a Jew, or a Latino American, or what-not."

This panel has had good results in other sections of the country. We would have to be careful about its use down here, but new techniques should be welcomed by us all.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All State Organizations

FROM: Fred Routh

SUBJ: Quarterly Report

URGENT

This is a reminder that the final 1958 Quarterly Report for the period September 1-December 1 is due in this office Monday, December 15.

You will recall that SRC settled for a short term (July-August) Quarterly Report which you sent with your request for financial assistance in '59.

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November 26, 1958

MEMORANDUM

To: All State Organizations

From: Fred Routh

Re: Inter-faith Statement

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Enclosed is a Declaration of Conscience, drafted by the Commission of Social Action of Reform Judaism.

You might consider sending copies of it to clergymen you know in the key cities of your state to see if they think a local group might issue such a statement. Your State Council of Churches (if there is one) might support this.

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A DECLARATION OF CONSCIENCE

We are Christians and Jews. We are laymen and clergymen of many denominations. We live in the South and in the North. We join in a sense of outrage at the recent dynamitings of Houses of God. But we join to express something more than a sense of shock, more than a sadness that these things have happened in our land. We join to give voice to our religious conscience. We wish to declare: These bombs are aimed at all of us. They are aimed at the heart of our democracy. They are aimed at all of our churches and temples. They are aimed at the principles for which religion stands. They seek to blot out the teachings of Moses, Jesus, and Isaiah. The bombs are intended to silence our religious conscious.

But we say this: the bombers, in their frenzy, have sensed a truth -- that the church and the synagogue are the ultimate enemies of evil and hatred. Our faith is built upon the rock of conviction that all men are created equal because they are created in the imgae of God. The hate-mongers may blow up our churches and our temples, one by one, but the rock will remain. They may burn the Bible and the prayerbooks, but the flame within cannot be quenched. Nor will they silence us. They will not stifle the spirit of free men. We will join hands and lift up our voices until peace will reign in the land and justice will flow as a mighty stream. And God will bless the work of our hands.

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November 26, 1958

Mr. Lewis M. Killian
Department of Sociology
The Florida State University
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Lew:

There is going to be a sizable printing of the Atlanta clergy's new manifesto under the imprint of the Georgia Council of Churches. It's going forward as fast as possible, considering the Thanksgiving holiday, and should be ready about the middle of next week. If they're available in time, I will send you 100 copies gratis from our supply. Otherwise, I will scare up one of the few complete texts and get it to you in time for the meeting.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Mr. & Mrs. Walter Johnson
c/o Mrs. Josephine Murphy
Atlanta University Dormitory
50 Chestnut Street
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

Since receiving Vernon Eagle's recent letter, I have been looking forward to seeing you during your visit to Atlanta. Unfortunately, it has developed that I am to be out of town virtually the entire week beginning Monday.

This makes it unlikely that I will have the good fortune to meet you. I do hope, however, that you will have time to pay a visit to the Council's offices and talk with members of our staff. If I am away, my associate Paul Anthony will be anticipating a call from you.

I very much regret this conflict of dates and hope that I may yet have an opportunity to meet you.

Sincerely yours,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Miss Violaine Junod
Faculty Club
Boston University
147 Bay State Road
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Violaine:

Many thanks for your all-too-kind letter. We enjoyed having you as an unofficial member of the SRC family. We learned at least as much from you as you did from us. I'll be looking forward to your writings, academic and popular, on us natives.

Marge Manderson has cast up the enclosed information in response to your request. We'll try to supply more when and if you need it.

You'll be interested to know that the Montgomery "Fellowship of the Concerned" meeting has been "exposed" in a neighborhood weekly called the Montgomery Home News. It includes in the cast of characters "two rather mysterious white women from Atlanta" -- you and Mrs. Tilly -- and later points out that your automobile license tag "gives the same address as the Southern Regional Council." I'm enclosing a copy of the separate article devoted to your speech.

This material should be a priceless addition to your Southern memorabilia. I hope you will share it with Wilton when and if you see him.

The very best to you from all of us here.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

Excerpt from article appearing in
the Montgomery Home News - 11/20/58

"Women's Role in Integration Theme of Group"

(Notes taken during sessions of the "Fellowship Meeting" of white and Negro women and Negro Men held at St. Jude's Hospital, Sept. 27.)

Women should have more interest in world affairs than men, the participants in an interracial "Fellowship of the Concerned" were told at district rally held recently, here, in Montgomery, by a visitor from Atlanta who calls the Union of South Africa home.

The speaker, a white woman who identified herself as Miss Violaine Junod, a lecturer at the University of South Africa, gave what was termed the most lengthy, humorous, and perhaps ridiculous talk of the sessions, our reporter said.

Miss Junod, whose background is rather vague, began by stating women are biologically different from men and should recognize that fact instead of trying to be the same as men.

She stated that women are always sure of their child although the man must rely only on faith in this matter.

Referring to Gandhi, the Anti-Christ leader, Miss Junod, a woman of approximately 40 years, said that his supporters were mostly women.

She led a brief discussion on the Black Sash Movement in South Africa. This is a group of white women in Africa who sponsors passive resistance to segregation.

Miss Junod closed by urging the women present to keep their feminity and to use it for the cause.

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VIA AIR MAIL November 26, 1958

Mr. Vernon A. Eagle
New World Foundation
120 South La Salle Street
Chicago 3, Illinois

Dear Vernon:

Thanks for your letter and the welcome news that you are to be in New York Thursday and Friday of next week.

I will be staying at the Commodore and, according to present plans, expect to be leaving late Thursday afternoon. I very much hope we can get together sometime Thursday before 4:00 P.M.; let's make every effort.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Dr. J. Oscar Lee
National Council of Churches
297 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Oscar:

I am told that John Morsell was to get directly in touch with you about the NAACP's decision on public sponsorship of the fact-finding report.

If by any chance the question is still not settled, let me know and I will make further efforts to get a final answer.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Mr. Carlton O. Parker
Campus Work Secretary
Y.M.C.A.
706 Standard Building
Atlanta 3, Georgia

Dear Carlton:

I know definitely of only one person other than Will Campbell who knows John Hurt. He is Wade Mackie, director of the American Friends Service Committee's Merit Employment Program in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His address is 1608 Government Street.

I have a shadowy impression that Hurt knew Hugh Brimm, perhaps during seminary days, but I'm not certain. Brimm's address is 4435 Blenheim Road, Louisville, Kentucky.

I, too, enjoyed our lunch and am looking forward to working with you on our common concerns.

Cordially,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Professor Paul H. Sanders
Vanderbilt University School of Law
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Sanders:

You were very kind to give me such prompt permission to reproduce portions of the Reference Section in the current Race Relations Law Reporter. I apologize for confronting you with this request by telephone and promise to move with more deliberate speed next time.

Enclosed is a copy of the mimeographed excerpts. In the introductory note, we have tried to make it very clear that the responsibility for the deletions is wholly ours. However, I hope you will share our feeling that this abridged version in no way distorts the sense or conclusions of the original, but merely focuses the analysis more sharply on the Georgia situation. We are distributing a very limited number of copies to key persons in Atlanta and Georgia whom we know to be keenly interested in this kind of information.

Again, our thanks for your cooperation and for the valuable work that you and your associates are carrying on.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf
Enclosure - 1 ("School Closing Plans")

November 26, 1958

Mr. Will Maslow
American Jewish Congress
Stephen Wise Congress House
15 East 84th Street
New York 28, New York

Dear Will:

Thanks for your two most recent letters. This is in reply to both.

I have heard of the Eaton book but haven't read it; prompted by your recommendation, I'll make a special effort to do so. Eaton is a historian. The latest address we have found for him is 2995 Tate's Creek Road, Route 67, Lexington, Kentucky. This suggests that he may be at the University of Kentucky.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Review is published by the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, 1500 "R" Street, Lincoln 8, Nebraska. Perhaps they can supply a copy of the December 1942 issue.

We are aware of the paucity of complaints to the Commission on Civil Rights and are doing what we can to spread the word. We are currently doing some field studies of voter registration practices in the Black Belt which may result in some complaints. The problem, as you know, is finding persons with first-hand knowledge who can stand the gaff.

All the best.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Mr. John Hope II
Apt. #53
54 Morningside Drive
New York, New York

Dear John II:

Harold and I have talked over future uses of the Consultant Service Program; we reviewed our understanding of our separate conversations with you. His understanding was somewhat different from mine of the proposed project of using educational consultants in Little Rock. My misunderstanding--if that it be--is probably due to the 10:30 Sunday morning meeting after a heavy date Saturday night.

Harold's idea of what you two discussed has more meaning than my understanding of this particular project. As we now see it, the idea is to send into Little Rock an interracial team of two or more well qualified educators to survey the situation and ascertain the costs of closing public schools in terms of subjects-not-offered, hours-not-spent in learning, extra burdens on parents, etc., etc., of the children out of school. Then we would hope that this could be written up so that it could be distributed to key people in communities which soon must face the choice of some degree of desegregation or no public schools. Their findings could also assist other community leaders in handling interim services to pupil DP's. What needs to be done is for you to write an outline of what these educational consultants will do, what they will look for, and what use might be made of the report.

Some special effort should be made to show that though Negro kids are less well cared for under "private" tutorial schools, white kids also lose a great deal when public schools are closed. One section might deal with the question of emergency, temporary tutorial classes for displaced pupils (another new class of DP's).

I feel that this should be aimed at both white and Negro groups; Harold tends to think in terms of Negro groups mostly. This needs further thought.

In terms of our thinking about special efforts in key cities, what would you think about adding to our panel of consultants several of the leaders of the Committees to Preserve the Public Schools from Arlington and Norfolk? They could tell local leaders in key cities what they did to get such groups off the ground, whom they contacted, techniques used, etc. This would be both informational and action oriented. Your reactions, please.

Next, as to the question of a monthly minimum or a "retainer fee" for you; what do you propose as to amount; what relationship would this have to per-diem use of your services; how can we determine in advance how much time to allow for? Please let us have your thinking on this matter.

Finally, as to merit employment projects, we are in general agreement that this is an area where we should push ahead with more than all deliberate speed (as defined by the Southern states). We feel that North Carolina, Kentucky, and Arkansas probably offer the best opportunities for this effort. We need to explore with our state organizations how this can best be done, who should be involved on the local level, what our role should be. Again, please let us have your thinking on this matter.

What seems called for is a program prospectus for the Consultant Service Program for the next six months to a year. You are in the best position to do this, what with your experience as SRC's Chief Consultant and your long experience with the American Missionary Association, and Fisk.

Let us hear from you soon.

All good wishes.

Cordially,

Frederick B. Routh
Assistant Director

FBR:ls

November 26, 1958

Dr. Rufus E. Clement
President
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Rufus:

As you know, the Members of the Council requested that we thank Atlanta University for the hospitality extended to us during our annual meeting. To this formal expression from the Council I want to add a hearty word of appreciation from the SRC staff.

The facilities and services which were made available to us were but another example of Atlanta University's unique and invaluable role as a hospitable center for group meetings.

We should like especially to thank Mrs. Comer of your office for her assistance, Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Anderson for the numerous ways in which they served as gracious hostesses, and Mrs. Kennedy for an excellent meal.

All of us are sincerely grateful to you and to the University.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf

November 26, 1958

Dr. Benjamin Brawley
President
Clark College
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Brawley:

The members of the Council have requested that we thank Clark College for the hospitality extended to us during our annual meeting. To this formal expression from the Council I should like to add the heartiest vote of appreciation from the SRC staff.

Many of our members felt that our 1958 meeting was one of the best in the Council's history. I am sure that this was in no small part due to the facilities which Clark College made available and the generous way in which your staff received us and looked after our needs.

Please express to Miss Neely of Kresge Hall our especial thanks for the excellent luncheon and the other numerous ways in which she so graciously served as hostess for our group.

All of us are sincerely grateful to you and to Clark College.

Sincerely,

Harold C. Fleming
Executive Director

HCF/mf